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Dini Survives

Showdown

Parliament

Close Confidence Vote

Gives Him More Time:

Budget Bill Also Passes

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service ROME — After narrowly surviving a dramatic parliamentary showdown, Prime Minister Lamberto Dini went on Thursday

to win approval for the deficit-cutting budget measure on which he had staked his

With back-to-back victories in Parlia-

ment's lower house, first on a 315-to-309

confidence vote and then on the budget bill, Mr. Dini won more time for his non-

political government of technicians to fin-ish its limited task of political and fiscal reform, and forestalled a call for early

June elections have been the rallying cry of his opposition, led by Mr. Dini's mercu-

rial predecessor, Silvio Berlusconi, the me-

dia baron who a year ago swept to victory at the polls at the head of a new center-

Mr. Berlusconi, whose government fell

in December when a key political ally

pulled out of his Freedom Alliance coali-

tion, has argued that the Dini government has usurped the popular mandate by refusing to set a date for new elections.

In the Chamber of Deputies on Thurs-

day, Mr. Berlusconi accused Mr. Dini of

serving as camouflage for last year's politi-

cal losers and of committing a "crime against the credibility of democratic insti-

The bitterness of the debate under-scored the new uncertainties in Italian

politics, which were set adrift in recent

years by a wave of corruption scandals that

That, combined with reforms that have

Mr. Berlusconi's drive for early elections

may be related to a referendum, now planned for May, which, if passed, could

force him to sell at least two of his three private television stations. The stations

helped make him a national figure, and his

opponents contend that they give him an

coalition has been forming, backed by the

moderate wing of the former Communist

In the meantime, a fledgling center-left

buried the old ruling parties.

elsewhere in Europe.

two-month-old government.

national elections.

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20-Year Vietnamese Exodus Enters Its Final, Tragic Phase

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

MORONG, Philippines — Tran Ba is so desperate to avoid being forced back home to Vietnam that in a protest this month he doused himself with kerosene in front of horrified Philippine guards

and threatened to light a match.
"Next time, I will light the match," said Mr. Ba, who left Vietnam four years

said Mr. Da. who left victual four years ago believing he had been promised a new life in the United States.

Ta Thi Ngoan, 53, a tailor who has been detained here since 1988, has told the guards that she was prepared to kill herself and her 10 children if they were returned to Victuam.

"If I so back to Victuam I will no

"If I go back to Vietnam, I will go straight to prison," she said. Her neighbor, Kim Thi Ng, said sever-al families in the detention camp here had stored rat poison

"People are very serious about sui-de," Mrs. Ng said. Two decades after the first boatloads of Vietnamese pushed off the shores of

their homeland into the treacherous waters of the South China Sea, the final chapter of their exodus is being written in detention camps like the one here along the mountainous western coast of the Philippines

For many of these Vietnamese, who have spent years in these camps only to face a forced return to Vietnam, the final chapter will in many ways be tragic. The question is whether it will be violent as

In February, Southeast Asian governments announced final plans to close the camps that have housed the more than 800,000 Vietnamese who fled their homeland after 1975.

The closings mean that the 46,000 Vietnamese left in the camps today those who have been unable to find third countries willing to accept them — will soon be compelled to return to Vietnam.

Forcing them home will be an ugly, possibly dangerous business, as tens of thousands of people are pushed or dragged onto planes headed for Vict-nam, which many of them had hoped never to see again.

That was clear Thursday, as the Viet-namese migrants here slashed themselves with knives and blades and another tried



Vietnamese refugees, one already injured, threatening to stab themselves Thursday as the police moved in to evict them from a camp in Morong, Philippines.

to set himself on fire as the Philippine government evicted them from their de-

At least three men and an elderly woman were seen bleeding from selfinflicted wounds to their hands or stomach after they scrambled to the roofs of their wooden barracks and threatened

With fire trucks spraying them with

water, the Vietnamese were dragged from the rooftops by police officers car-rying truncheons and crowbars.

The Vietnamese were being transported by bus and boat to another, larger camp on the southern Philippine island of Palawan, which is expected to be their final stop before they are returned to Vietnam under an agreement between the Philippines and Vietnam.

While the Philippine government did succeed Thursday in uprooting the 272 Vietnamese migrants from the camp, it may face the same sort of violent protest if it moves to the next step - forcing them onto planes or boats bound for their homeland.

The scene at the Morong camp is likely to be repeated across Southeast Asia over the next several months as the govdetained in camps in Hong Kong.
As the clock ticks down, violent outbursts are becoming common in the de-tention camps. In Indonesia last June, two Vietnamese refugees set themselves

ernments of the region prepare to shut the camps and to force the Vietnamese home. Almost half of the Vietnamese are

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given the electorate a more direct voice in choosing candidates, has opened the way for new political forces that many hope will eventually coalesce to produce a stable two-party system, similar to those in place

To Lure Clinton to Red Square, Yeltsin Revamps V-E Day Parade

By Bernard Gwertzman

MOSCOW - in a fresh effort to persuade President Bill Clinton to come to Moscow for the 50th miniversary of the victory in Europe, President Boris N. Yelt-sin said Thursday that he would tailor a Red Square military parade on May 9 to avoid embarrassing the American leader. "He wants to come," Mr. Yeltsin said of Mr. Clinton, but is "a bit concerned about

the whole scenario." He said to make it Mr. Yeltsin, speaking to a group of foreasier for Mr. Clinton, the Red Square sign editors, confirmed that the United

parade would be limited to veterans of the war, and no military equipment would be

The Russian leader has been pressing Mr. Clinton to join other Western leaders in Moscow on V-E Day, and then to extend the visit into a summit meeting.

Mr. Clinton, worried about the continuing Russian offensive in Chechnya and a desire to show some concrete results at a summit meeting, has not said yes or no to the invitation.

States and Russia were drafting an exchange of letters between him and Mr. Clinton over North Atlantic Treaty Organization expansion aimed at meeting some Russian concerns over having NATO moving closer to its borders.

The letters would presumably be made public in connection with a summit meeting. But Mr. Yeltsin, while saying the media had "overdramatized" his concerns. then worked himself into a furor over what he called "forcing the pace of NATO ex-

"What's happening is that we have just

recently abandoned the bloc divisions," he said. "Now assume that some East European and Central European countries would join NATO and the border would move immediately closer to Russia, so the situation would appear to suggest that we would again have a bloc situation with

"Is it really consistent with all-European security?" he asked. "No, it is not. The situation will not be calm."

A major problem for Mr. Clinton and a immit meeting in May remains the continuing Russian military action in Chechnya. There was no sign, however, that Mr. Yeltsin was at all interested in reaching a political settlement with the Chechen leader, Dzhokar Dudavev.

"I am not going to meet with him," Mr. Yeltsin said of Mr. Dudayev. "He is a gangster; he is a bandit. He should be tried for having killed so many of his own peo-

Mr. Yeltsin said that Mr. Clinton had essed the word that although he would

like to make the trip in May, he did not See V-E DAY, Page 6

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unfair advantage with the voters.

AGENDA

Bosnian Leader Warns on Cease-Fire

BONN (AFP) — President Alija Izet-begovic of Bosnia warned Thursday that his government would not approve an extension of the cease-fire in his country unless separatist Serbs agreed to an international peace plan partitioning the republic.

"If the Serbs do not accept the plan, we will have no alternative," Mr. Izetbegovic told the foreign affairs committee of Germany's lower house of Parliament "We will have to fight."

The cease-fire between the Bosnian government and Bosnian Serbian side expires at the end of April. The president, who is on a two-day

visit to Germany, stressed his government's continued support for the peace plan, even if renewed fighting broke The plan, drafted by an international "Contact Group" on Bosnia comprising representatives from Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States, has been accepted by all parties except the Bosnian Serbs.

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TEAM EFFORT — Jacques Chirac, right, with Philippe Séguin, a political ally, at a Paris soccer match. Mr. Chirac has outlined his platform. Page 5.

America's UN Role in Doubt As Republicans Weigh Cuts

By Julia Preston Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — Republican proposals for sharp reductions in U.S. funding of the United Nations have generated uncertainty here about the future of the traditional U.S. dominance in the world organization. Many countries express concern about possible American cutbacks because they know that when the largest UN donor gives less, the whole organization does less.

Some fear that an abrupt retreat by Washington would relegate the United Nations once again to the marginal role it played during the Cold War.

At the same time, a number of other powers, particularly Japan and the countries of the European Union, are working hard to expand their influence within the post-Cold War reshuffling at the United Nations.

If the United States substantially re-

duces its financial support, it may have to cede some of its clout as well, officials

familiar with the United Nations said. "Money speaks here in terms of leadership," said James Gustave Speth, the American administrator of the UN Development Program, who in practice is the second most powerful man in the UN system, after Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali.

"There's no doubt that my ability to give leadership could be adversely affected by a withdrawal of U.S. interest and financial

support," Mr. Speth said.

The Republican proposals for funding cuts are just beginning to make their way through the U.S. Congress, but the United Nations appears to be especially vulnera-

"We have learned the hard way that the UN is simply not able, financially, diplo-matically or militarily, to resolve many

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No Room at the Top in U.S. For Women and Blacks

By Peter T. Kilborn New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Despite three decades of affirmative action, "glass ceilings" and "concrete walls" still block women and minority groups from the top management ranks of American industry. a bipartisan federal commission said in the government's first comprehensive study of

barriers to promotion. white men, while constituting about 43 percent of the work force, hold about 95 of every 100 senior management positions. defined as vice president and above, the

report said. White women have poured into the work force, taking nearly 40 percent of all jobs nationwide, compared with 30 per-cent three decades ago. But the report suggested Wednesday that in the race for

top management slots, women stumble or are tripped in the stretch: They typically constitute less than 5 percent of senior managers in industries across the nation.

Women have had greater success moving into the ranks of middle management. like assistant vice presidents and office managers. According to the report and the 1990 census, white women now hold close to 40 percent of those jobs and black women hold about 5 percent. Black men hold 4 percent.

The report by the Glass Ceiling Commission, titled "Good for Business: Making Full Use of the Nation's Human Capital." used 1990 census data and the results of surveys by consulting firms to sketch the corporate landscape for women and minorities, and to identify the barriers to their advancement - principally the fears

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'Jurassic Park' Fantasy a Step Nearer BELIING - A Chinese scientist said

Thursday that the discovery of DNA in a dinosaur egg marked a major step for-ward for mankind and could add fact to the fictional hit movie "Jurassic Park," in which dinosaurs were brought back to

"This is not simply a Chinese discovery," said Zhou Zhenquan, vice president of the Life Science's Institute at Beijing University. "This will promote the knowledge of all mankind."

A group of young scientists, led by Chen Zhangliang, discovered organic substances containing amino acids in a "cotton-like" part on the inner surface of the egg late last year, Mr. Zhou said.

when a collector of fossilized dinosaur eggs dropped and broke one of his eggs in central Henan Province, according to an official who has followed the discov-

The egg split open to reveal a softish center and the puzzled collector approached the Henan government. Paleontologists descended on the egg, first dug up in Qixia County, and began their ground-breaking research, the official

The State Council, or cabinet, stepped in to order protection for the egg, be-lieved to be 70 million years old and from the Cretaceous period in the Mesozoic era, and its removal to Beijing.

They were led to the find by chance There the scientists set to work on a budget of just 100,000 yuan (\$12,000). On Jan. 13, the research team found DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, in the egg and succeeded in obtaining a variety of gene fragments, the newspaper Guangming Daily reported.

"Why did dinosaurs control the world and then so suddenly disappear?" Mr. Zhou asked. "This could help to provide In the movie "Jurassic Park," dino-

saurs were brought back to life by clon-

ing a sample of their DNA. Mr. Zhou said the find could add fact See DNA, Page 6

Terror's Psychic Scars Handicap Cambodia

HNOM PENH -- What passes for an insane asylum in the desolate Cambodian village of Banteay Desk is one more squalid bit of evidence of this nation's agony. The village clinic has set aside a small wooden shed with a dirt floor and three urine-stained mattresses to house the mentally ill until they get better, or until it is clear that they will never get better.

Saung Bunly had to be chained to his bed for several weeks last year after he kept trying to hurt himself, usually by slamming his head

"They took the chains off because I am not violent anymore, but I am still crazy," said the 35-year-old patient, who was perched on the edge of his cot, rocking frantically back and forth, his eyes ablaze.

"And I am crazy because of the Khmer

Rouge."
"Sometimes the Khmer Rouge would hurt
me, hit me again and again," he recalled in
this rare lucid moment. "There was no food, I still have nightmares that Pol Pot will return." Twenty years ago next month, the black-clad child soldiers of the Khmer Rouge pulled their trademark checked scarves loosely around their necks and marched into Phnom Pehn, the Cambodian capital, and launched a Maoist-inspired peasant revolution that would leave more than one million Cambodi-

talent or training to run this small country. If the Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot wanted a legacy, he surely has it: A nation still so shattered by his crimes that Cambodia today seems incapable of governing itself, so trau-matized that much of the outside world wonders if Cambodia can ever again succeed as a

ans dead, including almost everyone who had

fully independent nation. As an Asian and as a humanitarian, I am embarrassed that we have allowed the Cambodian problem to fester," said an Asian diplomat stationed in Phnom Penh. "I think you will hear more and more about the possi-bility of Cambodia's neighbors stepping in, doing something, if things deteriorate fur-

After spending more than \$2 billion on a peacekeeping operation that in 1993 produced the first free elections in Cambodia's history, the United Nations clearly does not have the money or the inclination to return to Cambodia in force.

But a small group of Asian diplomats has quietly proposed the creation of an all-Asian Trusteeship for Cambodia, in which friendly Southeast Asian nations would send advisers

to oversee Cambodia's economic and political development, and possibly even take a role in commanding the country's military, which is still locked in battle with the Khmer Rouge.

After Pol Pot and his forces were over-thrown in 1979 in a Vietnamese invasion, they returned to the jungle as insurgents. The Viet-namese would likely be notable by their absence from the Trusteeship, given the fury felt by Cambodians over their country's occupation from 1979 until 1989.

Cambodia is only one entry on the sorry list of nations, including Bosnia, Rwanda and Somalia, that seems incapable of holding themselves together peacefully without out-

But Cambodia has suffered in special ways. No country in the 20th century lost such a sizable proportion of its population in such a short period — depending on the estimate, between one-eighth and one-third of Cambodians vanished — and perhaps no country has so suddenly been stripped of an entire genera-tion of people with education and ability.

Among the "enemies of the revolution" singled out for liquidation by Pol Pot in the 1970s were educators and bankers, economists and engineers, writers and monks, the very people who might have been able to help rebuild the country after Pol Pot's reign of

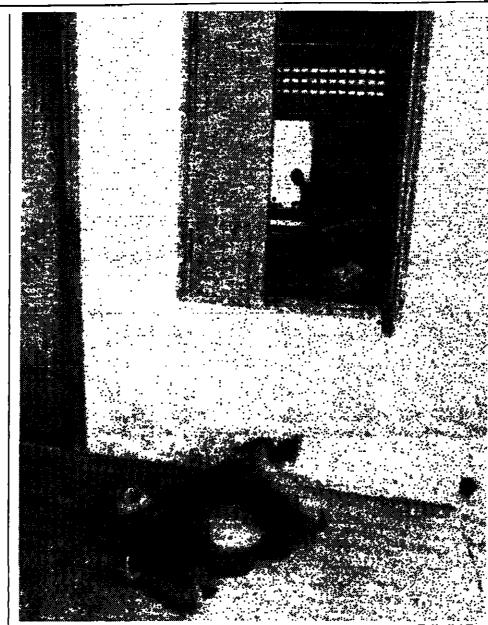
ANY of the people left to run the government are corrupt and un-educated, their credentials consisting of their willingness to use violence unsparingly. Many of Cambodia's senior leaders are Khmer Rouge defectors who, while they may have renounced the ideology of Pol Pot, still make use of his savage tactics.

There is other evidence of Pol Pot's legacy especially in the glazed eyes of so many civil-ians who survived the Khmer Rouge years. Any visitor who spends much time in Cambodia knows that a large portion of the population is psychologically scarred from the Pol Pot era. Mental illness is rampant, and so is

the violence that it often produces. "It's a traumatized country," said Chantal Rodier, a Canadian psychologist who has been working here for two years for Children of Cambodia, a charity group. "Because of the Khmer Rouge, these people became less than animals. They lost the power to conduct their own lives. And it will take a long time to oversome this masseveral generations." overcome this — several generations."

She said that Cambodian children born

long after the Khmer Rouge were overthrown were not spared the trauma of that era, since their parents, whose own childhoods were devastated by the Khmer Rouge, seemed in-



Phnom Penh asylum resident, who, like many others, bears scars of Pol Pot years.

"I won't say that Cambodian parents don't love their children, but the children don't receive the affection they need," she said. The parents have no role models for how to

HE mental illness she described is on grim display in the village clinic at Banteay Dek, about 32 kilometers.

(20 miles) east of Phnom Penh, averdants trained in traditional where attendants trained in traditional Khmer medicine try to deal with mentally ill patients who are often violent. The treatment, such as it is, involves extracts of tree bark and plants and the use of shackles.

The clinic's administrator, Siem Vy, 58, said the troubles of virtually all of her psychi-

atric patients could be traced back to the years of Pol Pot.

"When they come to the hospital they usu-ally cry, 'the Khmer Rouge killed all my family, and sometimes they will cry like that all night," she said. "One woman knocked the wall with her head. She kept crying, Why do you kill my family? Why, why?

Mrs. Siem Vy, who has worked in village hospitals for decades, said that mental illness was rare in Cambodia before the Khmer

Rouge era.
"We were a peaceful country then," she said. "But after Pol Pot tried to destroy Cambodia, these terrible psychiatric problems are common. And we know that the Khmer Rouge are completely responsible for this."

Unlikely Diplomat Emerges in Africa

Burkina Faso Chief Assailed For Support of Liberia Rebel

By Howard W. French
New York Times Service

ZINIARE Burkina Faso -When Charles Taylor, a Liberian faction leader, needs a plane to move around the region, dip-lomats say, he picks up his sat-ellite telephone and calls Blaise Compaore, the president of this hardscrabble nation of 9 million. Typically, a plane bearing the country's yellow, green and red colors arrives in short order. When France decided to expel 20 Algerian Islamic militants in August, Paris first had to find a country that would take them in. The solution involved a call to Captain Compaore, who accepted the request and placed the exiled militants under what amounted to house

With his country descending into civil war recently over his refusal to allow democratic reforms, the Togolese dictator, Gnassinghe Eyadema, desper-ately needed someone to help open talks with the opposition. In no time, Captain Compaore was at the center of mediation

Since coming to power in a coup in 1987, Captain Compaore has turned his landlocked country, one of the world's 10 poorest, into an unlikely diplomatic powerhouse.

Juggling friendships with countries as disparate as France and Libya, and keeping at least one finger in almost every re-gional crisis, the 44-year-old leader has emerged as perhaps the continent's busiest diplomat since the death of the Ivory Coast's longtime president, Fe-lix Houphouet-Boigny, in 1993, according to students of Afri-

can politics.

If his energy is admired, however, Captain Compaore's activism is far from universally appreciated. Many African diplomats bitterly describe his sup-port for Mr. Taylor as part of a French-inspired plan to limit Nigerian influence in Liberia.

The result has been to frustrate a Nigerian-led regional peacekeeping operation in the country, while opening chan-nels for French businessmen to Liberia's vast mineral and forest wealth. Diplomats add that it has come at the cost of the

Washington, 100, has expressed concern over Captain Compaore's support for Mr. Taylor, temporarily recalling its ambassador in 1992 over what a Western diplomat called "reports that are too substantial to be dismissed" that Burkina Faso was funneling arms to the Liberian faction leader.

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The diplomat said that after greatly reducing its support for Mr. Taylor in the face of international pressure, Burkina Faso had recently arranged a large infusion of arms to Liberia, just as a series of military setbacks suffered by Mr. Taylor were feeding hopes that a diplomatic solution to Liberia's five-yearold civil war might be found.

If some are comparing Captain. Compaore to Mr. Houphonet-Boigny, long the powerful godfather figure among leaders of France's former West African colonies, it is a comparison that Captain Compaore

Where Mr. Houphouet 🤌 Boigny built a palatial resi-dence and now largely dormant new capital in his native village, Yamoussoukro, Captain Compaore is building a luxurious estate in Ziniare, his native village, which is 32 kilometers (20 miles) northeast of the capital, Ousgadougou.

Where Mr. Houphouet-Boigny had his residence symbolically protected by a croco-dile-filled most, the expensive grounds of Captain Compaore's new home are guarded by two freely ranging lions. In an interview at his home,

Captain Compaoré dodged most questions about his involvement in Liberia's civil war, calling it old history. "We don't have a border with Liberia," he said when asked if he was arming Mr. Taylor. "It is

er we were supplying Pern against Ecuador.5 Captain Compaore, then the government's second-ranking official, came to power in 1987 after a coup in which the popular president, Captain Thomas Sankara, was killed.

as if you were asking me wheth-

Captain Compaore has de-nied prior knowledge of the coup. But skeptical diplomats note that Captain Compaore's security chief is the man believed to have led the squad that

Clinton and Major Speaking Again — After the Day of Blarney

LONDON - Prime Minister John Major and President Bill Clinton have agreed to talk by telephone this weekend, after the St. Patrick's Day celebration at the White House that annoyed the British government, a spokesman for Mr. Major said Thurs-

Mr. Major's government was upset that Mr. Clinton invited Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, to the White House on Friday without getting a pledge that Mr. Adams's allies in the Irish Republican Army were prepared

to give up their weapons.

Mr. Clinton and Mr. Adams shook hands and spoke together for about five minutes Thursday in Washington when they attended a lunch at the

Peter T. King, a New York Republi1, but has not given up any guns or of a modest sedan on his way through
can. It is the first time that a Sinn Fein explosives. Mr. Adams has resisted a faint but gathering light to the Albaballrooms of Manhattan and the state

that he and Mr. Clinton would proba-

Mr. Major was not available to take a telephone call from Mr. Clinton on Donations Pour In Saturday or again on Monday, and Joe Sexton of The New York Times Mr. Major's office did not dispute reported: press reports that this reflected the prime minister's anger about the red-centigrade), and a savage cough

carpet treatment for Mr. Adams. The IRA began a cease-fire on Sept. dawn, he sat slumped in the back seat ments of Queens and the Bronx, Irish- United States.

leader has shaken the hand of a U.S. British demands for progress on the issue before Sinn Fein joined all-party Mr. Major's office said Wednesday talks in Northern Ireland.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the senior Britbly talk on Thursday, and the latest ish official in Northern Ireland, said he from accused terrorist to hand-pump- an electrical engineer with the Con delay apparently did not indicate con- was heartened by a statement Wednestinuing pique on the British side. The day by Richard C. Holbrooke, assis-spokesman said the president and the tant secretary of state for European prime minister had had a constructive affairs, on the need for progress on exchange of messages over the last getting the IRA to "decommission" its

Mr. Adams's fever had hit 102 (39 wracked his body. And so shortly after

ny County, New York, airport.

At the midpoint of his hectic 10-day arm, Sinn Fein.

However exhausted, Mr. Adams was not looking for sympathy, just not only unthinkable but illegal little audiences — and, for the first time more than a year ago, about 300 peopenly, money. Barnstorming with his ple gathered Wednesday under the Belfast accent, he found wallets open-crystal chandeliers of Le Grand Salon ing to him as his supporters relished ballroom at the Essex House for a their unprecedented freedom to give \$200-a-plate huncheon for Mr. Adams.

legally to Mr. Adams's cause.

Mr. Clinton decided just last week to
Moving out of the bars and baseallow Mr. Adams to raise money in the

rooms of Albany to embrace the IRA.

"It's about time after 25 years, and fund-raising tour in the Northeastern sure, we feel the irony, and it feels United States, the transformation good, rewarding," said Sean Enright, ing lobbyist had proved debilitating Edison electric utility, who said he had for the president of the IRA's political been giving to Northern Irish causes since 1969.

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Azerbaijan Troops Besiege Rebel Police

BAKU, Azerbaijan -Troops laid siege to the strong-bold of a rebel elite police unit on Thursday, bringing nearer the climax of a mutiny that has pushed this former Soviet republic to the brink of civil war. National Security Minister Namig Abbasov said that the

government troops would not try to storm the base of the OPON police unit until at least 10 P.M. on Friday, and that

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efforts were under way to end boy ordered the 3,000-member the mutiny peacefully.

Speaking at a news confer- day after some of its members ence, Mr. Abbasov said that seized administrative buildings talks were under way with the in two towns in the north of of the republic. rebels, who have called for the Azerbaijan. resignation of Azerbaijan's president, Haydar A. Aliyev.

Mr. Aliyev, speaking on tele-vision Wednesday night after three days of unrest, asserted that Deputy Interior Minister Rovshan Javadov was trying to armored vehicles, surrounded overthrow him by leading a mutiny of the elite police force.

cancasian country, the thirdbiggest oil producer among the former Soviet republics.

Mr. Aliyev described the events as an attempted "putsch" and vowed to quell the unrest.

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Baku was calm Thursday night, but armed forces were guarding Parliament and govecoment buildings, and manning roadblocks. Additional forces, backed by

side the city. "Azerbaijan is again on the The president assumed his brink of civil war," he said in a office in 1993 following a march televised address to the Trans- on the capital by a mutinous

unilitary division. Mr. Aliyev, a former Communist Party leader, said that blood had been shed in disturbances this week, but gave no

details. the unrest.

The local Turan news agency cused Mr. Javadov of involveInterior Minister Ramil Ususaid in an unconfirmed report ment.

ple had been killed in fighting between the elite police and OPON police disbanded Mon-

> Azerbaijan signed a \$7.4 bil-lion deal with Western oil companies last year to develop rich oil fields in the Caspian Sea.

government forces in the north

A Western oil executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said by telephone from Baku that he saw no threat to the contract and that the unrest so far had no impact on Azerbaijan's energy sector.

Last October, Mr. Aliyev declared a state of emergency after the OPON police took Azerbaijan's chief prosecutor hostage for several hours. Mr. Aliyev described that incident as an attempted coup and ac-

TRAVEL UPDATE

Strike to Disrupt Air Inter Flights

Inter will be heavily disrupted for three days starting Sunday because of a strike, the company said Thursday.

The company said one in three flights would be grounded Sunday afternoon because of the strike, the second in as many reeks. Air Inter did not say how may flights would be disrupted Monday and Tuesday.

Pilots unions have called the strike, which is to run from midday Sunday through midnight Tuesday. Similar to the earlier strike, it is to protest the proposed cutting of 600 jobs in connection with the merger of Air Inter and Air France services.

The national carriers of Israel and Jordan have united to offer ioint vacations in both countries from the United States, El Af said Thursday. Tourists are to fly into and out of either Jerusalem or Amman and spend several nights in both capitals.

An outbreak of meningitis has killed 874 people in the past three months in Niger. The disease has also killed 42 people each in Mali and Burkina Faso in the same period and 29 in the Ivory

Disney Builds a Mickey-less Resort

NEW YORK - Walt Disney Co. has announced that it is building its first resort exclusively for adults and families with

When the Disney Institute, as the resort is called, opens next February on the grounds of the Disney World Resort in Florida, such familiar Disney characters as Mickey and Minnie will be conspicuous by their absence. Instead, the 58-acre (23-hectare) site will allow guests to fashion individual vacations from more than 80 programs as diverse as rock climbing to golf to animation workshops.

The Disney Institute, with 457 rooms, will be able to

accommodate only about 800 visitors.

Correction

An article about money managers' views of the French presidential candidate Jacques Chirac in Thursday's International Herald Tribune omitted the first name and identification of a stock analyst. He is Chris Golden, head of fixed-income research at Nomura International in London.

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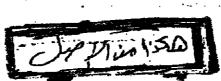
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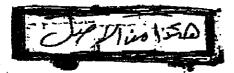
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Diplomat EU Resumes Talks in Africa With Canada, but With Canada, but Fishing Split Is Deep Fishing Split Is Deep Spokesman said, adding that talks would continue Friday. Spain said earlier there were differences between differences differences between differences between differences differences between differences differences between differences diff

BRUSSELS — European Union and Canadian officials, Union and Canadian after Union a can speaking team Ottawa released a Speaking team Ottawa released a Speaking team of the control of the remained.
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a week ago for what Canadian authorities said was overfishing sailed Wednesday night from St. John's, Newfoundland, after payment of a bond of 500,000 Canadian dollars (\$350,000).

"Finally, after a war of words, we seriously," a European mission spokesman said.
The goal of Thursday'. words, we have started talking seriously," a European Com-

The goal of Thursday's bilateral talks was to prepare a multilateral deal at a meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization in Brussels from March 22 to 24.

Discussions covered political and technical issues, notably a Canadian law of March 3 extending jurisdiction beyond the 200-mile (320-kilometer) limit, and tougher control measures The EU also opposes a 60day moratorium on Greenland halibut introduced by Canada on March 6.

"We have some positive elements but not enough to prove the goodwill of the Canadians to reach a fruitful diplomatic solution," the Commission

still deep differences between the two sides. The political and juridical problem continues," Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Luis Atienza told a radio interviewer in Spain. "It is essential that full international legality is restored." The Commission said pay-

ment of the bond by the Spanish shipowner was a private de-cision and did not mean that the EU had accepted the legality of the Canadian seizure.

The EU had earlier demanded the unconditional release of the vessel, which Canada said was loaded with undersized Greenland halibut, or turbot. It was in international waters off Newfoundland's Grand Banks. Canada's fisheries minister,

Brian Tobin, said in Ottawa that the Estai's nets, recovered from the ocean bed after being cut by the crew before the vessel's seizure, were illegal. As Spanish fishing vessels re-

mained outside the disputed grounds off Newfoundland, Canada claimed victory in the dispute. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien said in Ottawa that Canada had proved it meant business by seizing the vessel.

The time has come for us to put our foot on the ground and to show we're doing that for conservation and we meant business," Mr. Chrétien said.



For Republicans, a New Revolution in the South

By William Booth

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ANDERSON, South Carolina -- C. D. Chamblee, a farmer and citizen legislator, sits in a lonesome care here, sipping weak coffee and trying to describe how a lifelong Democratic good old boy became a Re-publican at age 66.

- In worn cap and muddy boots, Mr. Chamblee may not look like the future, but his stoty is emblematic of the historic changes in partisan politics that are sweeping the state and the ing that is redefining the ways citizens see each other and their interests.

- South Carolina's new governor, lieutenant governor and at-torney general switched parties in the past four years, leading Democrats to complain that Republicans did not build a party, but stole one.

After the November elections, two state senators and three state representatives, including Mr. Chamblee. switched as well. When the dust settled, Republicans held 63 of 124 seats in the South Carolina state House. Democrats hold a narrow majority in the state Senate, but even their leaders do not expect it to last through

As Mr. Chamblee, a direct but canny veteran legislator, put it: "We just don't feel like

Such is the case throughout

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forming into a hotbed of conservative Republican activism.

the 11 formerly Confederate into a sprawling movement states hold the majority of the populated by remnants of the seats in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, as newly converted, many working well as the governors' man-

It is a cultural and political phenomenon driven not only by perceived failures of the Clinton administration but also by the South's booming economy.

the South, a once impenetrable canization of Dixie than South decades ago. Before suburbs, bastion of Democrats trans- Carolina and the rolling hills of before the Christian Coalition C. D. Chamblee's Anderson and rapid-dial fax machines, ervative Republican activism. County. Here the Republican For the first time since Re-Party has evolved from a tiny. construction, Republicans in clubby group of blue bloods

old guard and droves of the

with hit lists, phone trees, fax attacks and slates of candi-"The Democrats are just tearing up their voting cards down here," said Lesley White,

a homemaker and leader of the explosive growth of its subnrbs, lingering racial animosities and, pethaps most imporities and pethaps most impor

right in a deeply religious re- crats dominated South Caroli- were from another planet," re-There might be no place bet- than a century. But there were textile executive. "Nobody had

Strom. They used to whisper to each other, 'There goes a Re-publican.' They thought we had there was Strom Thurmond.

Mr. Thurmond led a group of segregationist southern Democrats in 1948 to oppose President Harry S. Truman. Mr. Thurmond and the Dixiecrats won South Carolina and three political death in most districts other southern states, showing Party and the federal government was deeply appealing. He became a Republican in 1964.

Chordes Seabrook, an eighth-generation Carolinian, manufacturing corridor be-

na and its neighbors for more calls Mr. Seabrook, a former ter to understand the Republi- signs of the coming revolution seen one up close, except for

and almost 56 percent of those hostility to a liberal Democratic asked by pollsters recently described themselves as either born-again or evangelical The state boasts a booming

South Carolina, deep-fried

and Deep South, where one in

seven residents lives in a mobile

remembers working a polling tween Greenville and Spartanburg, new home to BMW, Fuji, BASP and Hoffman-LaRoche. It booms because of South Carolina's lower wages, motivated nonunion workers and aggressively pro-business attitude. With new jobs came an explosion of suburbs filled with wellpaid, blue-collar workers and managers and their young fam-

> With the 1980 election of Ronald Reagan, Mr. Seabrook said, these new suburbanites. many transplanted northerners, become active in the Republican Party. But the real driving force behind the modern Republican Party in South Carolina was Carroll A. Campbell Jr., the former two-term governor.

> A farmer and real estate developer, Mr. Campbell built a state party that brought together fiscal and religious conservatives and provided a rank and file who licked stamps, donated money and pushed new Republicans to nin for local offices.

Helms Sets Foreign **Policy Bill** In Motion

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Fulfilling a pledge he made a month ago, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Jesse Helms, has introduced a bill proposing a top-to-bottom overhaul of the nation's foreign-policy machinery that would merge three independent agencies into the State Depart-

The move will start what promises to be a long congressional fight over the structure and mission of all government agencies involved in international affairs, especially the three Mr. Helms seeks to abolish: the Agency for International Development, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. and the United States Informa-

All AID operations abroad would be scrapped and all development assistance funds would be channeled through nongovernmental voluntary

Mr. Helms, a North Carolina Republican, has considerable support in the Republican leadership, but his plan is opposed by the Clinton administration. Several members of Congress and administration officials predicted a protracted process that is likely to produce some restructuring but probably not everything Mr. Helms is seek-

Representative Benjamin A. Gilman, Republican of New York, Mr. Helms's counterpart in the House, appeared with Mr. Helms at a news conference Wednesday and agreed that the time had come to reorganize the foreign-policy agencies. But he did not endorse the Helms plan in detail.

home, is a small, "no-frills" "Let's not mince words," Mr. Helms said. "Our foreign-polistate. The label "liberal" spells cy institutions are a complete mess. Over the past four decades, key foreign-policy functions have been spun off into a constellation of money-absorbing, incoherent satellites, each with its own entrenched, growing bureaucracies and its own icranc interests. The re sult has been an incoherent mishmash, which no one policymaker can control."

Administration officials argued in interviews and briefings that the three agencies should remain independent because they have special missions that the State Department is illequipped to carry out and because the administration al-ready is streamlining them.

Mr. Heims, an outspoken conservative, is a longtime critic of foreign aid and a State Department that he says is insufficiently vigorous in pursuing U.S. economic and strategic interests. But his presentation was largely nonideological, stressing efficiency and flexibility, although he offered no cost-sav-

ing projections. Under his plan, all govern ment foreign policy, aid and arms-control activities would flow through five undersecretaries of state.

POLITICAL NOTES

Senate Democrats Set to Block Bills

WASHINGTON - Senate Democrats are prepared to block "right wing" legislation much as they stopped the balanced budget amendment and protected a new striker replacement policy, the minority leader, Thomas A. Daschle, said Thursday.

"If they want to pursue this agenda that is dictated in large measure by right-wing extremists in the Republican caucus, especially on the House side, we're going to have to confront them," the South Dakota Democrat said. "We're prepared to do so, and I think we've been able to demonstrate fairly effective cohesion in our caucus when those occasions occur.

That cohesion produced the second major defeat this month for Senate Republicans. On March 2 it was the balanced budget amendment. This time it was protection for striking workers.

Faced with an unbeatable Democratic filibuster, the majority leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, abandoned an effort to block President Bill Clinton's order barring federal contracts to businesses that permanently replace striking workers. (AP)

House Republicans Prepare Cuts

WASHINGTON - House Republicans have cleared the way for passage of a \$17.1 billion spending cut package, after making concessions to abortion-rights advocates, fiscally conservative Democrats and veterans groups.

The concessions, intended to shore up sagging support for the legislation as it went to the floor, were a sobering warning to budget-cutters of the difficulties ahead for much more ambitious Republican proposals to cut government spending. In the next two months, Republican leaders will have to specify as much as \$1.2 trillion in cuts from future budgets to achieve their pledge of a balanced budget by the year 2002 and offset the effect of a new round of tax cuts.

In the most drastic about-face, Republicans scrambled to restore \$206 million for medical equipment for veterans. Representative Jerry Lewis cited that cut last month as an example of Republican willingness to stand up to powerful interest groups. But the California Republican now has backed an amendment to restore the full amount deleted, while cutting a like sum from the president's national service corps so as not to enlarge this year's budget deficit. (WP)

House Weakens Environment Laws

WASHINGTON —The House has moved to weaken some of the landmark environmental legislation of the past quartercentury, including laws affecting clear air, endangered species and forest protection.

House action on the environmental provisions of the bill rescinding \$17.1 billion in federal spending foreshadowed upcoming debates on revamping some of those laws. It sent an unmistakable signal that the environmental community

will be hard-pressed to prevent sweeping changes.

The legislation would mandate a large timber salvage program on federal lands that conservationists fear will barm streams and wildlife in the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Northwest; halt key vehicle-emission control programs under the Clean Air Act, gut funding for endangered species listing and protection programs and change 1992 legislation that ensures wildlife and urban areas a greater share of California water historically monopolized by big agriculture. (WP)

Quote / Unquote

Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, announcing that he would introduce legislation this year that would bar the federal government from granting preferential treatment to what he called favored groups: "After nearly 30 years of government-sanctioned quotas, timetables, set-asides, and other racial preferences, the American people sense all too clearly that the race-counting game has gone too far." (NYT)

 Prices of the 29 top-selling drugs rose 3.6 percent in the last year as pharmaceutical companies stepped up increases on popular medications to maximize profits, Families USA, a consumer group, reported. It said a 3 percent rise for all drugs had nearly kept an industry pledge of increases at or below that of the Consumer Price Index. (NYT)

after a record 1512-day flight.

degrees Fahrenheit (2.24 centigrade) was higher than normal, the National Climatic Data Center said, tying that of 1953-54. Only

Researchers have identified a link between cigarette smoking and the most common form of cancer-causing genetic mutation, ac-cording to a report in the New England Journal of Medicine. They found that smokers were much more likely to suffer damage to the p53 gene, a key to cancer protection. (AFP)

Away From Politics

• The space shutfle Endeavour's astronauts trained ultraviolet telescopes on the moon and a quasar Thursday in a final round of studies before their scheduled landing Friday

• The winter's average temperature of 36.03 has now disclosed.

1991-92 was warmer, at 36.60 degrees. (AP)

 The man who was Ronald Reagan's minister for decades, the Reverend Donn Moomaw, resigned in 1993 as pastor of Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angelese because of "sexual contact" with five women, the church

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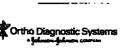








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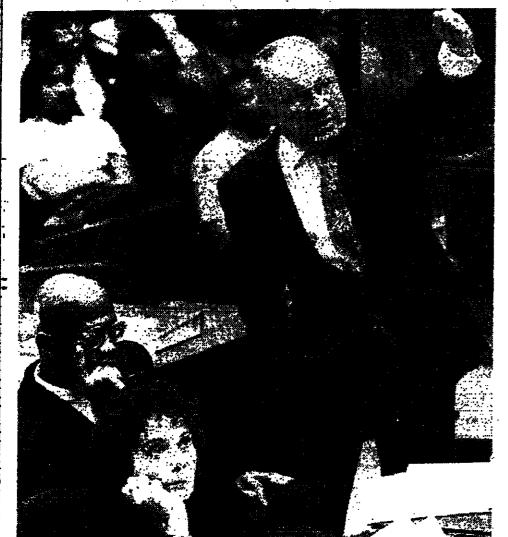
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Simpson Prosecutor and Defense Apologize for 'Vitriol' Level



Mr. Bailey making a point as prosecutors Marcia Clark and Christopher Darden listen.

LOS ANGELES - At the judge's urging, the lead prosecutor in the O. J. Simpson murder trial, Marcia Clark, and a defense attorney, F. Lee Bailey, apologized Thursday for a burst of temper over whether the defense attorney lied about talking to a potential witness.

Judge Lance A. Ito told Ms. Clark and Mr. Bailey that they had gone "beyond the bounds of professional conduct" on Wednesday. "It would thrill me to death

if counsel would apologize to each other for the rather high level of vitriol," Judge Ito said before the jury was brought in. "And I do," Ms. Clark re-

sponded, drawing laughter. "I'm sorry, your honor, I'm not going to be facetious." She said: "I don't like to engage in that sort of exchange. I think it's unseemly. I think it's bad for the entire profession. I do extend to Mr.

treme nature of the exchange Mr. Bailey then apologized to Ms. Clark for saying her eyesight and memory were deficient. "Very plainly, that was unfair, since her eyesight is excellent and her memory has proven to be the same,'

Bailey my apology for the ex-

he said. He saved his kindest words for Judge Ito. He told him he was sorry for causing the judge any criticism for the outbursts, in which Ms. Clark



Hal Clarb/Agence France-Present Judge Lance Ito asked the lawyers to apologize.

called Mr. Bailey a liar and Mr. Bailey called Ms. Clark

Ms. Clark and Mr. Bailey clashed over whether Mr. Bailey spoke on the telephone with a potential defense witness, Max Cordoba, a black former Marine sergeant who has accused Detective Mark Fuhrman of using a racial

Mr. Bailey told Judge Ito on Tuesday he had spoken to Mr. Cordoba, "Marine to Marine," but Mr. Cordoba denied in a television interview that he ever talked with Mr. Bailey. Mr. Bailey insisted in court Wednesday that they had spoken, and Mr. Cordoba changed his story that night, saying he had for-gotten the brief conversation.

"Mr. Bailey has made a deliberate misrepresentation to the court," Ms. Clark said Wednesday. "He has lied to

That provoked a furious response by a red-faced Mr. Bailey, who said the discrepancy was a misunderstanding. Mr. Bailey said Wednesday it was actually his investigator, Patrick McKenna, who interviewed Mr. Cordoba. At one point, Mr. Bailey said, Mr. McKenna handed him the phone and let him say a few words.

When the apologizing was finished on Thursday, Mr. Fuhrman returned to the stand and the defense attorney quickly concluded his cross-examination.

Karachi Strife Prompts Businesses to Threaten Tax Strike

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Prime

Minister Benazir Bhutto is under growing pressure to halt violence in Karachi, where stocks plummeted Thursday after business people threatened to stop paying taxes in protest.

The United States, alarmed by the killing of two U.S. Consulate officials on March 8, has ordered American officials in Karachi to send their school-age children home and authorized the departure of other family members wishing to leave.

"While there are currently no credi- order." ble reports of any specific threat against Americans in Karachi, such threats cannot be ruled out," the State Department said.

Pakistani officials, meanwhile,

warned Thursday that bringing peace to Karachi could mean the "suspen- UN official said. sion of some rights."

"The situation is not normal and we may have to take abnormal measures," an official said.

Another senior official said the imposition of a state of emergency and a curfew could not be ruled out.

"For now, the freedom of the people is curtailed by terrorists anyway," the official said. "The government has the right and responsibility to act as it deems necessary to restore law and

The United Nations, International Monetary Fund and World Bank have told visiting missions to stay away from the city, where more than 100 people have been killed this month.

tional staff based in Karachi had been on March 31, postponing his visit until advised to vary travel routes and use later this year. extreme caution.

It is not clear whether the March 8 ambush was a one-time attack on Americans, perhaps in revenge for last month's extradition from Pakistan of a suspect in the World Trade Center bombing, Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, or the start of a campaign targeting all

But Western countries have taken a cautious approach. A British investment mission representing 50 compavirtually sure to scrap its trip to Karachi, but will visit Islamabad and Lahore, diplomats said.

Gordon Wu, a Hong Kong-based tycoon, put off this month's scheduled talks with Pakistani authorities on an \$8 billion power plant project and has not set a-new date.

To reinforce these storm warnings, the Karachi Stock Exchange index, a. barometer of business confidence, tumbled to a 16-month low Thursday.

At a meeting Wednesday night chaired by the president of the Federanies due in Pakistan next Friday is tion of Pakistan Chambers of Combusiness people threatened to with- denied by the government. hold taxes or utility payments if there

"We are not ringing panic bells," a Finance Minister Mogens Lykketoft was no visible improvement in the seN official said.

But he added, however, that internabring a business delegation to Pakistan

They also said they would withdraw private-sector advertising from the state-owned electronic media, which provides a large chunk of government

revenue. There's no way business can be conducted as usual in Karachi at the moment," a London-based fund manager said. "Most people investing in Pakistan over the past year are losing their money. Bhutto has to take this

seriously." Domestic criticism focuses on allegations that the government took steps only when foreign diplomats were tion of Pakistan Chambers of Com- killed, largely ignoring Karachi's en-merce and Industry, 300 traders and demic violence beforehand, a charge

(Resters, AFP)

Ex-Bank of Japan Governor Defends Role in Bailout Plan

TOKYO --- A former governor of the Japanese central bank on Thursday denied coming under political pressure to Mieno replied: "There were no launch a bailout plan that lies at such demands." He also denied the heart of a budding financial scandal.

The ex-governor, Yasushi over the affair.

Mieno, was testifying before a Mr. Mieno's appearance in parliamentary inquiry into allegations of political intrigue and influence-peddling concerning the rescue led by the Bank of Japan of two troubled credit unions.

The credit union affair has become a major headache for the government, in particular for Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura, whose ministry credit firms from collapsing due to bad loans.

mura and a former prime minister, Noboru Takeshita, Mr. the suggestion that he had had secret meetings with the two

bank governor expired late last year, defended the plan, saying it was necessary to protect pubbacked the plan to prevent the lic confidence in the country's financial system.

The former governor also de-

bank to the two credit firms. Since the bailout plan was

clarify how the main players in the scheme — the central bank, the Finance Ministry and the Tokyo city authorities — arrived at their decision last year to set up the bailout.

Mr. Mieno, whose term as

Nuclear Waste Ship Is Said To Take Treacherous Route

TOKYO - A cargo ship carrying reprocessed nuclear waste from France to Japan is now almost certain to round Cape dangerous in the world.

Greenpeace, which is tracking the shipment from its vessel Solo off the coast of Argentina, said the route around the Cape was dangerous due to icebergs and bad weather.

The Solo has been following the cargo ship, the Pacific Pin-tail, since it left the French port of Cherbourg on Feb. 23. Solo reported that the vessel

was located about 430 miles (680 kilometers) off Mar del Plata of Argentina.

Summer weather at Cape Horn, at the tip of South Amer-Horn, the environmental group ica, is said to be unstable and Greenpeace said Thursday, calling the route one of the most icebergs from the South Pole.

But the route around Cape Horn has the advantage of avoiding the territorial waters of Pacific Rim countries, many of which are opposed to the nuclear waste shipment.

Asked whether the proposal nied that his son, a senior offi-was forced on him by Mr. Take-cial at the Long-Term Credit cial at the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan, had anything to do with the plan. The Long-Term Credit Bank was the main

announced, Tokyo city authorities have said the former heads of the unions had poured credit into firms run by themselves and politicians, resulting in 110 billion yen (\$1.2 billion) of bad

Amid growing disquiet about the way the firms were managed, the Tokyo city assembly froze its contribution of 30 billion yen toward setting up a special rescue bank to write off the firms' debts. The Bank of Japan is to provide 60 billion yen and commercial banks 70 billion yen to the bailout.

The opposition New Frontier Party has vowed to press for Mr. Takemura's resignation if the plan falls through.

In a closed-door session on Thursday, the Finance Ministry and the Tokyo city authorities gave lawmakers a list of depositors of the credit firms. The authorities have been ac-

cused of trying to protect big depositors at the expense of taxpayers and bank funds.
Last week, Harunori Takahashi, former head of the Tokyo Kyowa Credit Association, and Shinsuke Suzuki, former president of the second troubled

not seek the bailout plan. The scandal focuses on claims that Mr. Takahashi and Greenpeace said that South close ties with politicians and Africa had told Britain, France bureaucrats, and that stringand Japan not to let the Pacific pulling may have played a part Pintail enter its economic wa- in the decision to set up the rescrie bank.



REMEMBERING MY LAI — A Vietnamese schoolboy rolling up a flag Thursday following a ceremony marking the 27th anniversary of the My Lai massacre, in which Vietnamese authorities say more than 500 villagers were killed by American soldiers.

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Last Plea Is Unlikely To Save Filipino Maid

for a Philippine maid convicted of two murders made a lastwas little chance now to save

The maid, Flor Contempladawn on Friday.

Thursday, and they later flew

back to Manila.

Mrs. Contemplacion was convicted of murdering another maid, Della Maga, and the woman's 4-year-old ward in May 1991. The death penalty is could have been involved or that she had been framed."

About 2,000 people rallied in front of the Singapore Embassy in Manila on Thursday to protest the case.

In a last-ditch attempt, Ramandatory for murder in Singa-

recently with a version of events that would have exonerated

Prize," the Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, said

at a regular weekly briefing.

Wei in January for the prize.

Fidel V. Ramos of the Philip-SINGAPORE - Lawyers pines to delay the execution and reopen the case on the basis of the maid's further information. minute appeal Thursday to de-lay her execution, but said there said it had "carefully investigated this 'new evidence' and

found it to be untrue." The maid, Flor Contempla-cion, 42, is scheduled to hang at said that Mrs. Contemplacion had confessed to both murders She met with her four chil- and that at "no time had she dren at Changi Prison on ever suggested that someone Thursday, and they later flew else could have been involved

test the case.
In a last-ditch attempt, Ra-manathan Palakrishnan, the lawyer, sent a letter asking Pres-Another maid came forward ident Ong Teng Cheong of Singapore to postpone the execu-

On Wednesday, Singapore the president, Mr. Palakrishnan rejected an appeal by President said.

Afghan Leader Declines to Resign

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - President Burhanuddin Rabbani said Thursday that he would not be bound by a United Nations peace plan that calls for him to step down on

"We support the UN peace formula,"-Mr. Rabbani said. But he added that he was "waiting for a reliable mechanism" before transferring power.

The United Nations says Mr. Rabbani should resign Tuesday in favor of a multiparty governing council open to all 10 Islamic factions involved in Afghanistan's civil war. The plan is widely considered the best hope for ending a war that has devastated Kabul and left the country without a functioning

Mr. Rabbani's forces have waged a successful offensive this month and now control all of Kabul for the first time since he came to power in December 1992. With his position strength-ened, Mr. Rabbani appears likely to cling to power as long as possible. His government has repeatedly come up with last-minute objections to UN peace proposals, and on Thursday

he declined to fix a date for his resignation.

The main threat to Mr. Rabbam's forces is the Taleban militia, made up of former Islamic theology students. But it has been pushed back from the southern and western fringes

of the capital in heavy fighting over the past week. "The Taleban started with good intentions," Mr. Rabbani said of the militia, which had shown some willingness to negotiate with the government. "But unfortunately they have changed their aims and are now fighting against us." (AP)

Exiles Fault Burma 'Propaganda'

BANGKOK --- Burma's release of two high-profile political prisoners was a gesture designed to counter bad publicity from its military crackdown on ethnic minorities, Burmese exiles said Thursday. State-run television showed U Tin Oo and U Kyi Maung

walking out of a Rangoon prison on Wednesday. Twenty-nine lesser-known political prisoners also were freed. But the exiles said their release only highlighted the continuing house arrest of the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Daw Aung San Sun Kyi.
"If they are sincere, they should release Daw Aung San Sun. Kyi and all the other political prisoners as well," a spokesman for an exile group said in Bangkok. "In our view this is just

propaganda to improve their tarnished image absoad.*

Australia, the European Union and the United States have

criticized Burma this year for fighting, rather than seeking reconciliation with, the Karen National Union, one of the

rebel armies still struggling for autonomy from Rangoon.

Taipei Wants Improved China Ties TAIPEI — President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan next month will announce a new policy toward China to hasten a rapprochement, the China Times newspaper said Thursday.

Mr. Lee will call for further economic, cultural and agricultural exchanges between the two nations, which have been rivals since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949.

The new policy will be announced April 8 at a session of Taiwan's National Unification Council, the paper said. U.S. and Seoul to Discuss Options

SEOUL - U.S. and South Korean officials will discuss possible UN Security Council action against North Korea if Pyongyang refuses to comply with its nuclear accord with Washington, the Youhap press agency said Thursday.

The agency, citing government officials, said the issue would be part of U.S. South Korea talks in Washington next

week to discuss strategy in advance of the resumption of U.S.-North Korea nuclear talks in Berlin. North Korea has delayed implementation of an accord reached last year with Washington by refusing to accept South Korean nuclear reactors to replace its current facilities, which are suspected of having been used in the developmen of nuclear weapons.

Opium Dealer Claims a Victory SHAN STATE, Burma — Guerrillas forces loyal to a Burmese opinm trafficker, Khum Sa, have surrounded about 600 government soldiers who launched an attack on a rebel

base, the guerrillas said Thursday. Khun Sa's fighters attacked Burmese Army reinforcements and the troops they were attempting to relieve, the guerrillas said. "They are trapped and we can wipe them out in two or three days," said a rebel officer at an outpost in southern Shan State, near the border with Thailand.

Heavy fighting broke out Wednesday and continued throughout the day as the guerrillas attacked the government troops and managed to cut them off in a valley overlooked by rebel strongholds, the guerrillas said. There were no immediate reports from the government side.

VOICES From Asia

Same Taknichi, 34, a Japanese legislator from the opposi-tion New Frontier Party, saying she sees no reason why she should apologize for atrocities Japan committed in World War II: "I don't repent because at least I myself belong to the generation which was not involved in the war. I don't think there is any reason why I should be asked to repent." (Reuters)

Permadi, an Indonesian fortune-teller who has been under interrogation by the authorities over his forecasts on likely successors to President Suharto: "It is a naive joke. It is a sign of an unhealthy situation in this country if such a prediction is considered disturbing national stability." (AP) Mahathir hin Mohamad, prime minister of Malaysia, call-ing for mutual respect between Asian and Western nations: "We in Asia have learned a great deal from the West. We will

be unnecessarily constraining our full potential if this process were now to be stopped. I believe that Europe, too, may find some value in this message of enriching each other, of mutual enrichment, of rejuvenation and of self-discovery." (Reuters) Hun Sen, one of Cambodia's two prime ministers, saying the government had crushed the Khmer Rouge: "The political situation has changed categorically. The Khmer Rouge no longer constitute a political and military organization. They

have become an armed group, rebels."

Nobel Nominee North Korean Leader Moves Is a 'Criminal,' To Tighten Grip on Military **Beijing Asserts**

BELIING - China's best-SEOUL — North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong II, has promoted a "new generation" of elite officers into the nation's highest military body, South Korean monitors said here

Thursday marshals and two generals, the whose backing is vital to ms hold on power, mainly because of his lack of military experience.

Thursday Mr. Kim has not yet acceded to North Korea's two top posts, party general and state presiknown dissident, Wei Jing-sheng is a criminal and unqualified for the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize, a government spokesman said Thursday. The spokesman said, howev-

Thursday.
The rise of younger comrades-in-arms mentored by Mr.
founder, Kim Il Sung.
The four new commission
members are Deputy Marshals er, that he had no knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. Wei, one of China's most outspoken Kim became known when their names were called during a meeting of army commanders and instructors in Pyongang, as last year, Naewoe said. proponents of democracy. Mr. Wei served 141/2 years in prison for his views, then disappeared six months after his release last "Wei Jingsheng is a criminal. He is not qualified to receive the so-called Nobel Peace

to coment his grip on the powerful military," a Naewoe analyst change in North Korea's military hierarchy since the death of the control of t A group of Danish members of Parliament nominated Mr.

Mr. Kim, who lacks military military by the frequent trips he fit appears to be Kim's effort experience, the agency said has made to army units since cement his grip on the power— It was the first notable his father's death.

marshals and two generals, the whose backing is vital to his

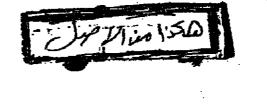
party general and state presi-dent, held by his father, al-though he is now addressed by Pyongyang's official monthpieces as the Great Leader. rather than the lesser Dear

and instructors in Pyongyang, als last year, Naewoe said.

Said South Korea's official monitoring agency, Naewoe garded as close associates of importance he attaches to the military by the frequent trips he mil

The meeting in Pyongyang Kim II Sung.

introduced four new members Many experts here believe evitable if Mr. Kim is to control that Mr. Kim has yet to secure the I.1 million-member armed mission, including two deputy full control of the armed forces, forces.



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the rights of its ethnic Hungarian minority and Hungary to recognize existing borders. But the

foreign ministers of the two countries said it

would not be finalized in time for an EU confer-

bloc's Stability Pact to assist East European

countries and of EU membership for Romania

and Hungary. The Romanian foreign minister. Teodor Melescanu, and his Hungarian counter-

part, Laszlo Kovacs said talks would continue

over the treaty "as soon as possible." (Reuters)

European Union events scheduled for Friday:

Calendar

PARIS: Meeting between European Union

ministers and representatives of the Rio Group

to discuss ways to strengthen political and eco-

nomic dialogue between the EU and Latin

BRUSSELS: Wolfgang Roth, vice president

of the European Investment Bank, meets with

Hans van den Broek, EU commissioner for rela-

PARIS: Yves-Thibault de Silguy, EU commis-

sioner for economic and monetary union, ad-

dresses the French Sugar Federation's general

LUXEMBOURG: Meeting of the Benelux in-

ROME: Mario Monti, commissioner for the

internal market and financial services, meets

with Susanna Agnelli, Italian minister of foreign

VIENNA: Anita Gradin, commissioner for

immigration and judicial affairs, meets with Ni-

kolaus Michalek, Austrian minister of justice.

and Franz Löschnak, Austrian minister of the

STRASBOURG: Members of Parliament

vote on recommendations for a common stabil-

tions with Eastern and Central Europe.

terparliamentary consultative council.

Conclusion of the accord is a condition of the

ence in Paris next week.

PARIS—Laying out the guidelines of the foreign policy that France would have if he were elected president, Jacques Chirac put forward a modernized Gaullist concept Thursday that emphasizes the nation's military clout, partly by the resumption of nuclear testing, and seeks a revamped European Union that would strength-

en France's international voice. In a 90-minute speech, Mr. Chirac stressed the continuity of France's key relationships with Germany and the United States along with his commitment to European unity. But he intro-duced changes, including closer align-ment with Britain on Europe's future.

Nothing in his views is likely to raise hackles in Washington. His stance on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, essentially a pledge of greater French cooperation on condition that U.S. authority is reduced in the alliance, has been under discussion for months with the Chinton ad-

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On nuclear testing, Mr. Chirac was careful to say that "if a few more tests were necessary, they would be announced along with a commitment to a definite, complete end to testing." French weapons specialists say that the nuclear program cannot rely entirely on laboratory simulation, even with U.S. help, until several new ex-plosions have been conducted in the

The significance of Mr. Chirac's speech was chiefly in its ability to reconcile the Gaullist and centrist wings of his electoral coalition. It was a reminder that the next president can change the diplomatic line set by the Socialist president, François Mitter-rand, who has been in office since Currently the front-runner to suc-

ceed him; Mr. Chirac sought to sound conciliatory by stressing his commitment to European cooperation and only hinting at a few controversial thoughts about exactly how to carry out these policies.

Implicitly, Mr. Chirac wanted to remind voters that he has incomparably greater international experience

than either of his campaign rivals, Prime Minister Edonard Balladur, who is from his own party, and Lionel Jospin, of Mr. Mitterrand's Socialist

Party.
Mr. Chirac's trickiest challenge was future European unity. He has often wavered on the issue, which divides his hard-core Gaullist supporters and his newly arrived backers from the ranks of pro-European center-right

Mr. Chirac emphasized his commitment to European integration, including an eventual move to a single currency, as stipulated in the Treaty on European Union. Easing away from his earlier suggestion that France should hold a referendum on monetary union, Mr. Chirac said that he hoped for a searching national discussion that could create a fresh consen-

But his call for rapid EU growth eastward implies a looser union, with more real authority in the hands of France, Germany and Britain. This unspoken assumption emerged in Mr. Chirac's proposals aimed at enhancing the member governments' role at

BRUSSELS — A Belgian ap-

A spokesman for the court in

sion, the executive agency.

In this sense, Mr. Chirac rejected German views about European inte-gration expressed in a paper last year by the governing Christian Democrat-ic Union. Mr. Chirac played down the European Parliament, a cornerstone of German hopes for a supranational

Mr. Chirac apparently hopes that can induce Chancellor Helmut Kohl to move toward this looser approach, which is shared by Britain. Mr. Chirac also called for the cre-

ation of an "EU president," to serve on a rotating basis and represent European views internationally. In practice, that post would further undercut the stature of the president of the European Commission, and would probably go first to a French statesman, perhaps even former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who has rallied to the Chirac candidacy.

As a gesture to Bonn, Mr. Chirac said that he supported the idea of a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council for Germany.

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Claes's top aide when he was

economics minister in 1988,

was arrested last month for

questioning in connection with

allegations that an Italian com-

Mr. Delanghe, who was Mr.



Global Warming at Issue

BONN - The German environment minister. Angela Merkel, singled out the United States. Canada and Australia on Thursday as key states poised to block progress at a conference on global warming that is to begin later this month

Among developed nations, only European Union members are ready to make commitments to keep carbon dioxide emissions low beyond the year 2000, she said in a report to Parliament on the conference, which is to be held from March 28 to April 7.

"The international community, including many of our friends, is not prepared to hold conclusive discussions in Berlin," she said. "I was in the United States. I have spoken with Canadian, Australian and other industrialized nations' representatives. They all say O.K., now we will discuss the protocol, we will make a declaration in 1997, but we cannot do it now."

Deputies Take On Fraud

STRASBOURG - The European Parliament has thrown its support behind the European Commission's drive to combat fraud against the EU budget, calling in one instance for even tougher action than the commission proposed.

The Parliament endorsed a draft regulation late Wednesday to harmonize and toughen penalties for budget fraud. But a separate recom-mendation that such fraud should be made a criminal offense in all countries was deemed too weak by the Parliament, which said criminalization should be compulsory.

Unofficial estimates of the amount of fraud against the annual 80 billion Ecu (\$105 billion) budget range from 1 percent to about 10 percent - mostly involving agriculture, which accounts for nearly half the budget. On Monday, EU finance ministers are due to discuss the Commission's proposals, which include setting up a telephone hot line for informers, creating a fraud blacklist and requiring EU governments to do more to address the problem.

Eastern Pact Is Delayed

pany, Agusta, paid kickbacks to Socialist politicians in Belgium BUDAPEST - Hungary and Romania said on Thursday they would miss a March 21 Euroto secure a helicopter contract. pean Union deadline to complete a treaty set-Mr. Delanghe has denied acthing longstanding ethnic disputes.

The pact would require Romania to guarantee

ity pact as well as on several financial matters. BRUSSELS: Hans van den Broek, commissioner for relations with Eastern and Central Europe, meets with Maarten Brands, member of the Dutch scientific council for government

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.



A man inspecting a Turkish chib in Asslar, 80 kilometers northeast of Frankfurt, that was firebombed Thursday. Turkish businesses were attacked in six other German cities.

Anti-Turk Violence Sharpens German Debate on Kurds' Fate

By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service

BERLIN - Following a third straight night of fire-bombs against Turkish cultural centers and other targets in Germany, the authorities braced Thursday for a political battle over a government plan to resume deportations of Kurdish refugees to Turkey.

The attacks in at least seven German cities late Wednesday country's largest minority. night caused property damage but no reported injuries. Targets were similar to those struck earlier in the week, including Turkish businesses, a mosque and a social club. Turkish travel agencies were hit in the West ing a number of sympathizers. German cities of Kassel, Dortmund and Saarbrücken, ac-

ny for the past three years. Kurdish nationalists periodicalfor the past three years. the recent attacks. war in the southeast against Knrd separatism.

About 2 million Turks, inchiding 450,000 Kinds, live in Germany, making them the

Two years ago, the German authorities tried to stem the rising tide of violence against Turkish targets across Europe by banning the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party and arrest-

blamed Kurdish extremists for lice searched more than a dozen such attacks, which have oc- Kurdish cultural and sport curred in waves across Germa- clubs for evidence of links to

Interior Minister Manfred by have used this country as a battleground in fighting the day that the German government, which for ment intended to resume depormore than a decade has waged tations of illegal Kurdish

immigrants. The repatriation of Knrds who unsuccessfully apply for political asylum was suspended last year because of concern that those sent back to Turkey could face imprisonment and torture.

Mr. Kanther, who had twice

extended the moratorium, said he had received written guarantees from Turkey's interior minthose deported would be ob-Two weeks ago, federal officials outlawed six more groups said to have Workers' Party links, and on Thursday the pocition about Ankara's vows.

4 Die in New Istanbul Clashes Before Soldiers Restore Calm

quiet Thursday after four pro-testers were killed in fresh violence that followed two days of riots in Alawite Muslim areas of

Security forces blocked all access to the Alawite neighborhoods, three in the Umraniye district and one in the adjacent Ushidar district, which were put under curfew on Wednes-day. Soldiers patrolled the

neighborhoods. In the Gazi Alawite district, on the other side of the Bosporus, a round-the-clock curfew imposed Monday was lifted at 6.30 A.M. Thursday, the Anato-lian News Agency said.

ISTANBUL — Istanbul was Needet Menzir, said in the Umanuse and Monday, and four on the Umanuse and Monday, and four on work out a way to hold wednesday in Umraniye.

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The Istanbul police chief, say 15 people were killed Sunday and Monday, and four on Wednesday in Umraniye. funerals for four people slain Wednesday without triggering

> The police said the deaths occorred after 1,500 demonstrators clashed with security forces during a protest over police handling of the noting in Istanbul and Ankara. The police in Istan-bul had fired on crowds while the police in Ankara turned back demonstrators with batons, water cannon and dogs.

district of Istanbul on Sunday when unknown gunmen fired on coffee shops frequented by mi-nority Alawite community, sparking nots during which the

Umraniye, one of Istanbul's oldest working class districts, grew out of a concentration of rural immigrants' homes. Parts of Umraniye, a bulwark of left-ist sentiment, were controlled by hard-line Marxists for years in the turbulent 1970s.

Protesters say at least 30 peo-ple have been killed since Sun-day, mostly Alawites. Officials Suble "foreign provocations."

Pardon for Nazi Defectors Is Rejected

BONN — The federal government rejected on Thursday an opposition motion to rehabilitate Germans who deserted from Hitler's army or who were executed or jailed for under-mining the Nazi war effort.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats and their Free Democratic Party allies said a blanket pardon for antito millions who fought loyally

for their fatherland. for their latine later.

"We have to be careful not to make blanket judgments about government deputies." Let us

guilt and innoceace in military come to an agreement 50 years courts and therefore in the for- after the war's end that restores mer Wehrmacht," Rupert the dignity of the victims." Scholz, a Christian Democratic Union deputy, told Parhament.

The opposition Social Democrats and Greens introduced separate motions in Parliament calling for the rehabilitation 50 years after the Third Reich collapsed, on May 8, 1945.

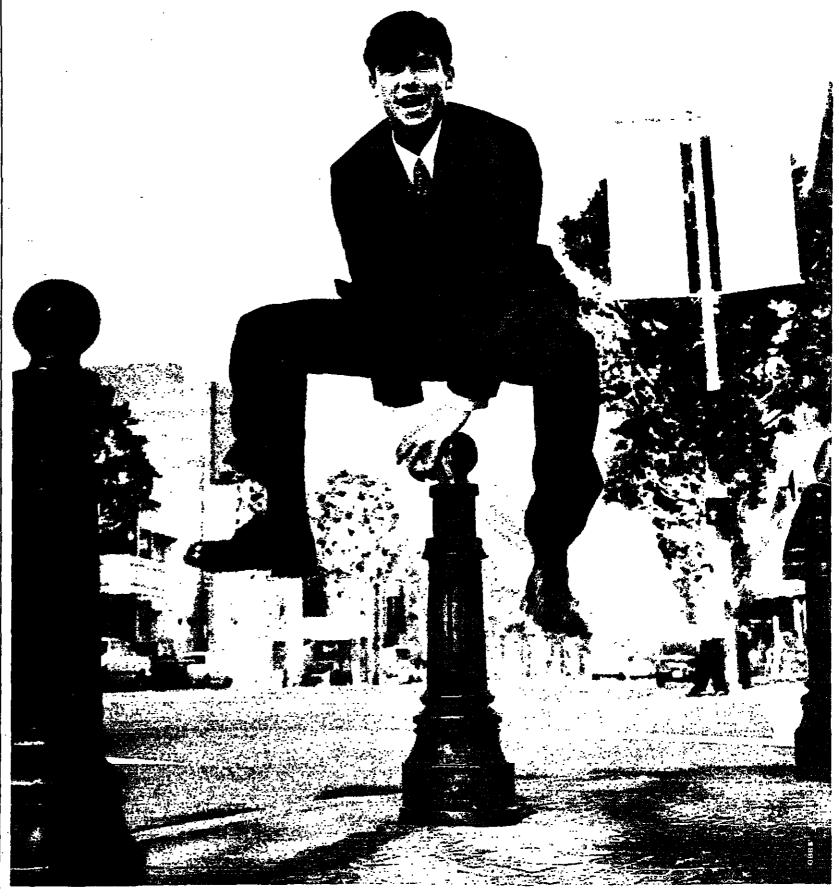
"There are only a few hunmilitarists convicted during dred left who could apply for World War II would be unfair compensation, said Volker Beck, a Greens deputy. "Find a place in your heart

The motions, the third failed bid for rehabilitation in as many years, were referred to committees after the debate.

About 20,000 of the 30,000 Germans sentenced for desertion or undermining the war effort were executed during the war. Most of the others died in concentration camps.

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WASHINGTON - A proposed ban on all American economic contacts with Iran might cause more problems than it solves, and Congress should proceed cautiously in deciding whether to impose it, a senior State Department official told the Senate Banking Committee Thursday.

"We are concerned that some unilateral restrictions could hurt Americans more than the government of Iran," said Peter Tarnoff, an undersecretary of state. Such a ban might change Iranian behavior if other major industrial nations would sup-port it, but they will not, Mr. Tarnoff said.

The committee chairman, Alfonse M. D'Amato, Republican of New York, said, however, that the current U.S. embargo on trade with Iran was "a myth" and "propaganda" be-cause it permitted U.S. oil companies to buy Iranian crude oil and allows some U.S. exports to

[Iran has signed contracts with European companies connected with projects to develop a huge gas field and an oil field. Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh was quoted as saying Thursday, Reuters reported from Tehran.

["At the same time as the contract with the American company Conoco was canceled, we signed contracts covering South Pars field and Abuzar oil platform," he said. The announcement came a day after President Bill Clinton signed an order banning U.S. companies from oil investment contracts with Iran, effectively quashing a deal between Iran and the Conoco Inc. to develop oil and

[Mr. Aghazadeh did not give details of the contracts, nor did he name the companies. An Iranian oil official said the deals were for "financing" the projects and signed with the German engineering firm IAB Leipzig and a Dutch unit of Britain's John Brown Engineer-

Mr. Tarnoff's appearance before the committee amounted to a classic piece of Washington theater: Congress, in the person

By Thomas W. Lippman of Mr. D'Amato and Senator Lauch Faircloth, Republican of North Carolina, demanding action in the name of principles, and the diplomats, in the person of Mr. Tarnoff, stressing nuance and urging caution. Mr. Tarnoff did not specifi-

cally endorse or oppose a measure sponsored by Mr. D'A-mato that would cut off purchases of Iranian oil by American companies and pro-hibit U.S. involvement in any enterprise with Iranian partici-

He said the Clinton adminis-tration was "carefully analyzing the measures you have pro-posed, and we look forward to discussing them with you and the committee in the days

That did not satisfy Mr. D'Amato, who has been clamoring for stronger U.S. action to undermine the Iranian regime. Mr. D'Amato praised President Bill Clinton for his decision Tuesday to prohibit Houstonbased Concoco Inc. from developing two offshore oil and gas fields in Iran, but said that mea-sure "did not go far enough."

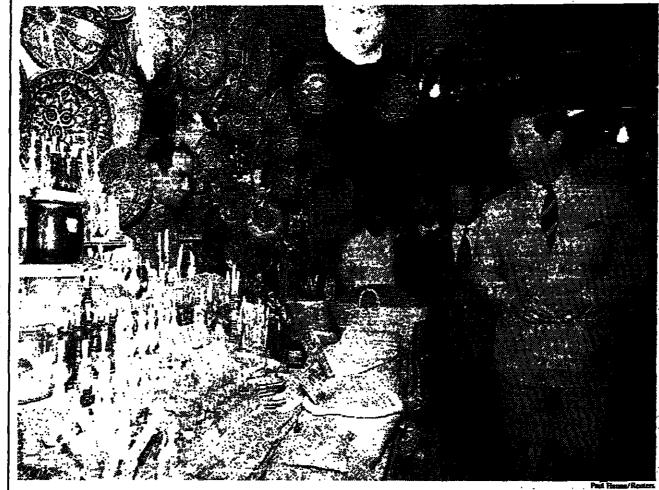
The United States is "fight-ing with both hands tied behind its back," he said. Current law permits U.S. corporations to buy Iranian oil, as long as they do not import it directly into the United States; they do so, pumping \$4 billion a year into Tehran's coffers.

"If you're going to fight a tiger with a stick of bologna, he's going to take the bologna and take you, too," Mr. D'A-

"If our purpose is to put the Iranian government out of business, why not put the screws to 'em?" Mr. Faircloth asked. What do you propose to do?" "Senator, that's a fair ques-

tion and an important question," Mr. Tarnoff replied. He said the Clinton administration was "studying" the issue to de-vise a "plausible approach," but noted that "there are some com-

For example, Mr. D'Amato's main source of income. bill would apply to foreign subsidiaries of American corporations, but other countries have long resisted efforts to apply U.S. law to subsidiaries outside



BROWSING IN THE BAZAAR — Prince Charles of Britain touring a souk in the Moroccan city of Fez on Thursday, the second day of his three-day official visit to the country. He sampled olives and dates along the way.

Likely by September As Talks Progress Organization's Voice of Palestine radio station.

Palestinian Election

JERUSALEM — Negotia-tors reported headway Thursday on long-delayed Palestinian elections: The self-rule council will have the lawmaking powers the Palestinians sought, and balloting likely will be held by September.

In the past, Israel had rejected lawmaking powers for the council, arguing that such powers belonged to a state, not an autonomy government.

The elections are a cornerstone of the accords that granted autonomy to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho in May. They were to have been held last July, but were delayed by attacks on Israelis by Islamic militants and by Isracli settlement activity.

The chief Palestmian negoti-ator, Saeb Erakat, said the Israchis initially proposed an executive council for the

"We said the council must have both legislative and executive authorities." Mr. Erakat dividuals and not as blocs," he told the Palestine Liberation said.

The Israelis "now agree that the council will have legislative powers," he said.

No agreement has been reached yet on the number of council members. The Palestinians sought 100; the Israelis proposed 24.

Israel's chief negotiator, Yoel Singer, told Israeli Army radio that candidates would run as individuals, not as representatives of parties or factions. That arrangement allows supporters of such Muslim mili-

tant groups as Hamas and Islamic Jihad to run because it skirts Israel's objections to par-ticipation by groups that advo-cate the destruction of Israel. But a Hamas spokesman,

Emad Faloui, said Thursday that the group was not interest-

"We are not going to partici-pate in elections based on the autonomy agreement, not as in-

Iraq's Bid to End Sanctions by UN

ROME - In its campaign against crippling economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations, Iraq won Thursday the support of the Vatican, which has long opposed such embargoes because of the harm they inflict on ordinary people. Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi deputy

prime minister and a member of the country's small Christian minority, won the assurance after meetings with both Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican's sec-

The encounters came only three days after the UN Security Council again renewed the sanctions imposed on Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait in 1990. The embargo prevents virtually all Iraqi exports of oil, once its

The Vatican spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said the Vatican felt sanctions should be only a "temporary means of ap-U.S. law to subsidiaries outside plying pressure on governments the United States, Mr. Tarnoff and must always be accompa-

Vatican Supports DESPERATE: Vietnamese Exodus Enters Final, Possibly Violent, Phase ITALY: job opportunities unimaginable South Vietnam in 1975, they back a total of 3,600 refugees Dini Wins Vote

on fire and died in a protest over plans for their forced re-

turn to Vietnam. Hundreds of Vietnamese in camps in Hong Kong have announced suicide pacts, and more than 200 were injured last April in a clash with the Hong Kong police after refusing to move to another camp in preparation for their forced return. There have been scores of

cases of self-mutilation by Victnamese who have insisted they would rather die than go home. "Many of these incidents

were carried out more with a view toward attracting attention than causing real harm," said Jahanshah Assadi, director of the Hong Kong mission of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. "But we've had attempts at hanging, attempts at self-immolation, people taking a knife or sharpedged instrument and puncturing their arms, legs, stomachs."
If they are forced back, many

of the Vietnamese will return to a country different from the one they left years ago. Vietnam has abandoned Marxist economics and embraced the free market. The economy is booming, with

Vietnam remains an authoritarian country that imprisons political dissidents. But UN investigators say they found no credible evidence that any of the 68,000 asylum-seekers who have returned home have been harassed by the government. The Hanoi government has vowed to treat the returning Vietnamese humanely.

While Vietnam's economic boom and the assurances of the United Nations should comfort those Vietnamese still in the detention camps, many remain clearly terrified about what they will confront if they are forced to go home.

Of the Vietnamese left in camps in Southeast Asia, about 24,000 are in Hong Kong, held in overcrowded, barbed-wire compounds that have long been an expensive embarrassment to the Hong Kong government. The others are scattered

throughout Southeast Asia, with about 3,300 in the Philip-When the "boat people" be-gan pouring out of Vietnam af-ter Communist forces toppled the U.S.-backed government of

were met with sympathy, espe-cially from the United States, which took in more than 1 million Vietnamese over the last 20

But the West's sympathy has run out. Virtually all the Victnamese who have made it to Hong Kong and other South-east Asian way stations in the 1990s have been labeled economic migrants — not refugees, a label that requires substantiated proof of fear of persecution in Vietnam - and have been refused entrance to the United States and other na-

In 1989, Vietnam and its neighbors reached agreement on a plan that was supposed to have all of the remaining asy-lum-seekers back in Vietnam by the end of this year.

The December 1995 deadline is almost certain to pass with tens of thousands of Vietnamese still held in the camps, but few months of the original schedule, probably by the middle of next year.

Refugee groups and humanrights campaigners have long praised the Philippines for hav-ing run some of the most lumane detention camps in the

region for the Vietnamese. But the Manila government is eager to close its last two camps and see the last of the Vietnamese go home.

U.S. Defense Secretary Sets Tour of the Gulf

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary William J. Peary is to begin a six-day visit to Saudi Arabia and four other moderate Gulf states on Saturday to strengthen U.S. military ties with the region and send a warning to Iraq and Iran.

Mr. Perry goes first to Saudi Arabia for talks with King governments in the region vow Fahd and senior officials, then to complete the returns within a to Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar for discussions with leaders before returning home next Thursday

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tian Democratic Party, and headed by Romano Prodi, an economics professor who once headed Italy's largest state holding company.

The vote in the Chamber of

Deputies on Thursday gave the faint outlines of the coming electoral struggle, even if the date for the elections remains unknown. Center-right depu-ties from the Freedom Alliance voted against Mr. Dini, forcing the prime minister to rely on an ad-hoc coalition made up largely of former Communists both the moderate Party of the Democratic Left and 17 members from the extreme-left Communist Re-Establishment Party — and defectors from the Berluscom camp.

Mr. Dini's opponents said the showdown had served to strip the current government of its neutrality, exposing its true political colors. It was appointed in January by President Os-car Luigi-Scallaro and made up of nonparliamentarians.

"We removed a fig leaf," said Gianfranco Fini, whose rightist National Alliance party has been a loyal Berlusconi ally. This is no longer a technocratic government, but a political one that now faces the problem of governing. It was not a maity against June elections.

Mr. Dini's supporters accused the opposition of playing politics with a \$12.5 billion budget package, made up of higher taxes and spending cuts, and needed to reassure financial markets that Italy was seri-

ous about trimming its mount-ing fiscal deficit.

"If the budget had been defeated, then our Italy would be on the same road as Mexico," said Mario Segni, a leading po-hitical reformer who voted for the prime minister.

Mr. Dini, a former central banker who served as Mr. Berlusconi's Treasury minister, has now succeeded in adopting two of his four self-appointed tasks; the adoption of a supplementary budget and a reform of the local electoral law. His next tasks, perhaps more difficult than the first two, are to reform Italy's bloated pension system and adopt a media law that would guarantee equal television access during political

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campaigns.
Umberto Bossi, the former Berlusconi ally whose defection in December caused the govcriment to fall, predicted that Mr. Dim's victory would give him time to finish his job, "This vote has put back elections," said Mr. Bossi.

problems," Senator Mitch

McConnell, Republican of Kentucky, said at a recent bearing on the organization. A Clinton administration request for \$672 million in new

aid for 1995 UN peacekeeping dues was rejected last month before it left the first subcommittee. The House Appropriations Committee has recommended taking back \$57 million from funds already appropriated for 1995.

UN diplomats are reluctant to speak openly because of a taboo on interfering in American politics. But envoys from several U.S. allies have been quietly making their case to skeptical legislators in Wash-

"If the United States makes big cuts in UN aid and its own foreign aid at the same time, it will be seen as an abdication of the leadership role it has always taken," a European ambassa-The United States pays one-

quarter of the UN operating budget and about 31 percent of peacekeeping costs, the highest assessed dues for any member state. It makes the largest voluntary contributions to many gencies, such as Unicef and the UN Development Program.
As a result, U.S. diplomats grams among UN agencies.

UN secretariat and agencies. Top Unicef and Development Program directors always have been Americans.

Now Europe has mounted a challenge for the top job at Uni- cials are wrangling over whethcef, open since the longtime executive director, James Grant, died last month. The European Union signaled to Mr. Boutros Ghali, who makes the appointhad come to get the position.

The Europeans point out that although the United States gave \$135 million last year, much-smaller Sweden gave \$113 million and Europe's combined funding far exceeded that of the United States.

Europe has strengthened its case by putting forward two lemale candidates: Elisabeth Rehn, 59, a former Finnish defense minister, and Anne-Marie Lizin, 46, a prominent member of the Belgian Parliament.

The Clinton administration proposed William H. Foege, a former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a close associate of former President Jimmy Carter's. For the past decade, he has led a task force

enjoy special say in many policy decisions and Americans are fa-that Dr. Foege's disadvantage vored for senior posts in the was that "he needs a sex-change operation," and another said Routros Ghali seems determined to apply diversity in this dayev.

Clinton administration offier to drop Dr. Foege for a female candidate. "The United States believes

that because of our long-standing financial and political comment, that it believed its time mitment to Unicef, an American should be the director," said James Rubin, the U.S. spokesman at the United Na-

> Vice President Al Gore lobbied Mr. Boutros Ghali at the UN summit on social developent in Copenhagen last weekend. But the secretary-general is watching to see if the United States intends to maintain its commitment to the agency, UN officials said.

On another front, Europe has proposed that governments that lag in their payments be penalized in the distribution of jobs, committee positions and UN procurement contracts.

The United States pays in October, 10 months after assessments are due, and has the largest arrears — \$399 million. Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Egypt according to UN figures.

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want to be seen and photographed amid modern Russian military equipment, the kind being used in Chechnya to put down the secessionist movement led by Mr. Du-

Mr. Yeltsin said, "We want to arrange a program so that in Red Square there will be a military parade, but without any mili-tary equipment." He said there would be speeches by him and by veterans.

Other Russian officials said the Red

Square parade would consist of some 2,500 World War II veterans, and be preceded by religious ceremonies. Another parade, including modern arms and soldiers, is being planned for Poklonnaya Hill in northern Moscow, some distance from Red Square, which Mr. Clinton will not be

This was Mr. Yeltsin's first extended meeting with the press in some time, and he looked fit and spoke firmly and clearly. Several weeks ago, Mr. Yeltsin seemed unable to walk without assistance during a trip to Kazakhstan, and he has been rumored to drink heavily and to need medication for back pain. He seemed in a good mood Thursday,

and often reacted vigorously when he disagreed with a question. He was most angered when he was told that many in the West wondered who was directing Russia's economic policy. The most important decisions are tak-

en by the president," he responded emphatically.

The editors, from the United States,

cally to receive briefings on Chechnya. the most frequent telephone conversa-Fighting continues in the region, but at a tions," he said. "Hardly a week passes less ferocious pace than a month ago when Russian troops battled hard for control of Grozny, the capital. Little was said that was new about Chechnya, either by Mr. Yeltsin or at a larger session Wednesday night in which officials from several minis-

tries took part.

Although Washington has been somewhat critical of the use of force in Chechnya, it has supported Moscow's right to quell secessionist movements, and Mr. Yeltsin seemed appreciative of the Ameri-

"I must say that the United States and President Clinton were very restrained and quiet in assessing the situation in Chechnya," he said, "and President Clinton on many occasions, including news conferences, was very firm in asserting that he firmly supports President Yeltsin." So far, of the World War II allies, only President François Mitterrand of France

has said he would be in Moscow on May 9. In the United States and Western Europe, V-E Day is celebrated on May 8, and Mr. Clinton has reportedly been weighing whether to hold a ceremony in Washington on May 8 or whether to attend ceremonies in London and Paris on that date. There has been no word from the British on their plans, Russian officials said.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany has reportedly also been invited, and Mr. Yeltsin said during the meeting that he has become closer to Mr. Kohl than to any other Western leader. "I can also add that it is with Helmut

Kohl of all the world leaders that we have

without me calling him or him calling me. I believe this is very helpful, and we compare notes. We have very good relations with him, and very good contacts. We are real friends."

On Chechnya, Mr. Yeltsin said that al-though he would not deal with Mr. Dudavey, officials were still trying to negotiate with other representatives. "I believe, at this time, they are moving

on more energetically than in the past," he said. "We are talking with the elders, district representatives, city representatives and leaders. We have already set up the government of Chechnya, and are looking forward to organizing elections to the Che-chen Parhament."

He was referring to the Russian effort to create a rival government to Mr. Du-dayev's, especially in areas under Russian

But he acknowledged that the efforts had not won much Western support. "We realize that until such democratic elections are held, we will be unable to convince the world that the situation in Chechnya is really positive, really democratic and that there are no human rights

Mr. Yeltsin gave a fairly optimistic appraisal of Russian society. He said that the pace of economic reform was doing better than last year, with inflation now at about 11 percent a month, compared with 17 percent a year ago. He said the goal was to lower inflation to between 1 and 2 percent a month by the end of the year.

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and prejudices of white male executives on the lower rungs of the corporate ladder.

The report cited various studies suggesting "that the glass ceiling exists because of the perception of many white males that as a group they are losing - losing the corporate game, losing control and losing opportunity." "Many middle- and upper-

level white male managers view the inclusion of minorities and women in management as a direct threat to their own chances for advancement," the report

their merit but in terms of their color and sex.

In hearings across the country, commission members heard hundreds of top- and middlelevel managers, male and fe-male, testify that white men were stymicing the progress of women and minorities. Those who do break through are often shunted to the antercoms of the executive suite, into dead-end staff jobs, like directors of personnel and public relations.

Referring to interviews with chief executives, the commission concluded: "Corporate leaders are talking the talk of Those male managers, the report implied, actually stand no better odds of reaching the top today than they describe what they perceive to be innumerable ago. But if there has always obstacles to their corporate adbeen competition, the face of it vancement. In short, there is a has changed. White men, the difference between what corporeport said, have circled the rate leadership says it wants to wagons against challengers happen and what is actually whom they view not in terms of happening."

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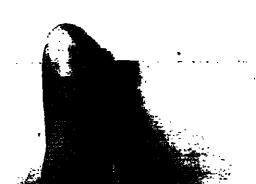
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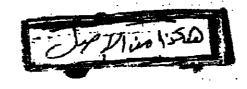
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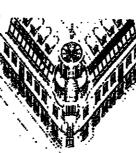
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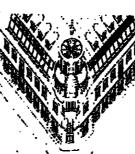
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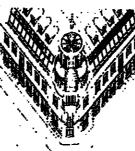


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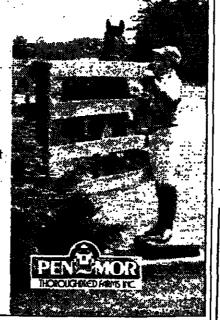
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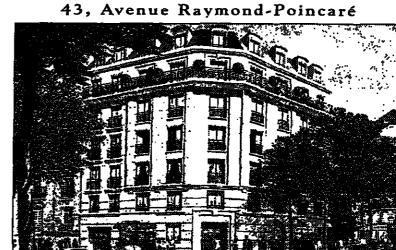
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The White House should stop agonizing and accept the Russian invitation for Bill Clinton to attend ceremonies on May 8 marking the 50th anniversary of the German surrender in World War II.

His advisers are overly concerned that President Clinton's presence would be taken as a blanket endorsement of President Boris Yeltsin and the savage Russian war in Chechnya. That need not be the case. With some skillful stagecraft, Mr. Clinton could actually use the occasion to reach out to Russian reformers and to remind Mr. Yeltsin and the Russian army that the Chechen war is a betrayal of the principles that united the allies in the war against fascism.

The president belongs in Moscow on May 8 to honor the Russian sacrifices of World War II. Just as American presidents have paid tribute to the American, British, French and other West European soldiers who lost their lives fighting Hitler's armies, Mr. Clinton should offer American sympathy and gratitude for the millions of Russians who died in battles from Leningrad to Stalingrad to Berlin. No country invested and lost more in the war, and no country played a more vital role in the defeat of Germany. The Russian losses still stagger: more than 25 mil-lion Soviet soldiers and civilians perished, with Russians taking the heaviest hit.

Russians, particularly older genera-tions, could not forgive the United States for snubbing the May 8 commemoration. The war occupies a singular place in the Russian national identity that is hard for Americans to appreciate. Even as Communist propaganda about the "Great Pa-triotic War" has faded, and Stalin's war-

time leadership has been demythologized, Russians still consider the war an extracrdinary moment of national sacrifice, triumph and unity. For many, it is the only achievement in a miserable century of famine, terror and tyranny.

In going to Moscow, Mr. Clinton could take a page from Ronald Reagan's 1988 visit, when Mr. Reagan conducted business with the Soviet leadership while dining with dissidents and taking every opportunity to talk to Russians about democracy. While in Moscow, Mr. Clinton could meet with reformers who have broken with Mr. Yeltsin, making clear that he does not support Mr. Yeltsin's drift toward authoritarian rule. He could remind the Russian army of its duty to defend democratic principles, and take General John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, with him to talk to Russian counterparts about military reform. He could urge Russian politicians and businessmen to speed the transition to a market economy

All this would make it abundantly clear that Mr. Clinton was in Moscow not to endorse Mr. Yeltsin but to affirm American support for reform.

The president could even invite Sena-tor Bob Dole to join him. Mr. Dole, who fought and nearly died in World War II, would be a fitting American representative at the commemoration. It would be easier for Mr. Dole to stay home and criticize Mr. Clinton for making the trip. But Clinton and Dole standing together in Moscow on May 8 would be a powerful symbol of America's enduring ties with a newly free Russia.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Iran and North Korea

By ordering an American company not to produce oil for Iran, President Bill Clinton has reaffirmed the American condemnation of an outlaw government. Iran supports terrorism, threatens the peace abroad, routinely violates its own people's rights and is working hard to build nuclear weapons. The United States must deal with a wide range of countries guilty of some or, occasionally, most of those offenses. In some it encourages wider commercial contacts and investment in the hope of influencing their conduct. China is the most conspicuous case. In others — the countries whose conduct one American official termed beyond the pale" — the United States has cut off most kinds of contact.

Sometimes the reasons for these distinctions are clear, and sometimes not. Under the rules applied to Iran, for example, it is not easy to justify the policy of supplying oil, let alone promising nuclear technology, to North Korea.

The American company Conoco was to have developed two offshore oil and gas fields in the Gulf. The Iranians chose it presumably because, among other reasons, they wanted to test the U.S. reaction. not approve American investments there as most of the rest of the world. until Iran begins to change its behavior.

That decision is a political signal, with no significant cost to either country. If Conoco does not produce the oil, another company, probably French, will do it. If Congress goes a step further and prohib-its all American companies even from buying Iranian oil, other companies under other flags will step in. One effect would be to make the United States slightly more dependent on Saudi Arabia, but Saudi oil is already sufficiently important to America and its allies that a small increase in that dependence makes little difference. The president's decision will have no real effect on oil markets. But it constitutes a substantial step in

the process of working out American attitudes toward the outlaw governments. It is possible to draw some distinctions be-tween Iran and North Korea. Iran's influence among radical Muslim fundamentalists gives it a much longer reach than North Korea's. North Korea has not been to war quite so recently as Iran. And so forth. Each case has its own history and circumstances. But when all that is acknowledged, there remains an element of inconsistency in the administration's different approaches to these two govern-The administration has replied that it will ments that refuse to live by the same rules

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

The Smoking Sickness

ers pick up the habit in their teens, and their reasons for doing so are the same now as they were 50 years ago. Their friends smoke. A cigarette is a cool accessory. Smoking is a rite of passage. They will not know until the day they try to quit that they are exposing themselves to a substance, nicotine, that the National Institutes of Health says is as addictive as heroin and five to 10 times more potent than cocaine or morphine in producing effects on mood and behavior.

Dr. David Kessler, the commissioner of Food and Drugs, calls smoking "a pediatric disease." While the adult quit rate is increasing, the teenage start rate stays the same. During the last 10 years there has been a decrease in smoking among all age groups except adolescents,

Ninety percent of all American smok- and the number of young female smokers

has actually gone up.
In a recent speech at Columbia University, Dr. Kessler asked for a comprehensive program that would involve not just educating youngsters about the dangers of nicotine but making it harder for them to buy cigarettes. He also spoke of reducing the "powerful imagery" in tobacco advertising and promotion that is so attractive to kids. (Joe and Josephine Camel are as familiar to 6-yearolds as Mickey Mouse.)

Every year more than 400,000 Americans die from illnesses related to Dr. Kessler's "pediatric disease." Surely a country that has erased so many other diseases associated with childhood will want to nip this one in the bud as well. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

France Is Right About Cuba

After watching how President François Mitterrand cooed over Fidel Castro, calling the U.S.-led blockade of Cuba "stu-pid," I concluded that what preoccupies the French is not sex but a lust to exasperate the United States.

Whatever one might feel about the U.S. blockade of Cuba, Fidel Castro is a genuine despot with an atrocious human rights record. His regime is an economic failure and morally squalid. But when Mr. Mitterrand ridicules the

Cuban boycott, he has logic on his side. Why, after all, should the United States

gladly - at times humiliatingly - do business with China when it won't do business with Cuba? By no standard is China freer than Cuba.

The Cuban boycott is a Cold War relic. It was a response to Mr. Castro's communism, his alliance with the Soviet Union, his expropriation of American businesses and, of course, his dumb and reckless decision to allow Moscow to place missiles on his island nation. But the Soviet Union is no more, the missiles are gone and Mr. Castro's communism should be of no account to the United States.

Richard Cohen, commenting in The Washington Post.



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WASHINGTON — Benign neglect can sometimes solve currency problems, but the dollar is so weak right now that the only way to preserve its status as the world's reserve currency may be a sharp increase in interest rates. "We fear that the ending of this will not be pretty," wrote Ray Dalio, an astute financial analyst, in a fax to his clients last week.

Exchange rates are a complicated and emotional subject. No one really knows why they go up and down, but there is certainly a glut of explanations for the latest crash in the dollar.

"The Mexican crisis is almost certainly the single biggest factor," said economist John Mueller of Lehrman Bell Mueller Cannon in testimony before a Senate committee. "It comes down to a lack of confidence" in the ability of new Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Hobart Rowen of

The Washington Post wrote. Charles Ramond, who runs the currency consulting firm Predex in New York, says the dollar will keep falling simply because it is too popular, especially in emerging countries — "the best U.S. brand since Coca-Cola." And with so many greenbacks floating around the world, the dollar

has been cheapened as a "store of value." But there is another explanation that is easier to understand. America's twin deficits, in trade and in the federal budget, are forcing it to borrow too much. Through the

early 1980s, the United States was the world's biggest creditor; now it is the world's biggest debtor.

When foreigners lend to America, they have to trade their own currencies for dollars. Now the Japanese, for example, are saying they will part with only about 90 yen to buy a dollar. In 1985 they parted with 263 yen.

If the dollar keeps falling fast, these lenders may become reluctant to make dollar investments at almost any price. (That is what happened with peso investments in Mexico.) The only way to lure them will be with higher interest rates.

Mr. Dalio believes that if the Federal Reserve moves quickly (it meets on March 28), the rate increase may only have to be one percentage point, or two or three. That would probably mean a recession. But if the Fed waits longer, "the eventual rate hikes and economic damage will have to be more severe."

The truth is that the Fed has shown little appetite for raising interest rates to attract foreigners to the dollar. But the dollar's weakness may force the Fed's hand for a different reason - something that economists call "imported inflation."

To make up for a falling dollar, foreign manufacturers have to raise the prices they

charge for goods they import into the United States. It is likely that Japanese cars, for example, will cost more in Ameri-

ca. If that happens, American automakers will raise their prices, too, slipping under the Japanese umbrella

In his testimony before the House Budget Committee last Wednesday last week, Alan Greenspan, the Fed's chairman, admitted that imported inflation could be a problem and that "it is important to contain such pressures" — which the Fed does by raising interest rates to dampen economic activity.

Of course, there is a better way to strengthen the dollar. The U.S. government could stop borrowing \$200 billion a year by balancing its budget.

In fact, the defeat in the Senate of a

constitutional amendment to do just that, and the subsequent beatification in the press of Saint Mark Hatfield, the only Republican dissenter, may even have ignited the dollar sell-off.

If so, then Congress will soon get a chance to show the international markets that it is serious. The House Appropriations chairman, Bob Livingston (Republican of Louisiana), is pushing a bill that would cut spending by \$11 billion immediately. That may not sound like much, but it is actually revolutionary. In the past, Congress has used floods and earth-quakes as excuses to raise spending in the gency" supplemental bills.

Representative John Kasich (Republican of Ohio), the budget chairman, has a list of reductions totaling nearly \$200 billion. Those cuts would merely pay for the tax reductions in the "Contract With America," but again, they should encourage the markets. Then, in May, Mr. Kasich will present what he calls "The Big One" — the spending cuts to bring the budget into balance by 2002.

Even if the tax reductions are trimmed by the Senate (and many House Republicans privately hope that they will be), balancing the budget won't be easy. That is why Mr. Kasich asked Mr. Greenspan for some spine-stiffening words for rub-bery members of Congress.

"What would you tell the American

people the reasons would be for making some tough choices up front?" Mr. Ka-sich asked. In the short run, Mr. Greenspan replied, "there would be some strain." Then, as borrowing fell, so would interest rates, and "the effects would be rather startling." Real incomes would rise, and Americans would be ensured that their kids would live better than they have been living.

"That's an awesome statement, Mr. Chairman!" said Mr. Kasich, practically bouncing out of his scat.

The Washington Post

Romania's Choice: Prompt Reform or Stagnation and Instability

BUCHAREST — For many people in the West, the mention of Romania conjures up images of the trial of Elena and Nicolae Ceausescu, of unwanted babies in overcrowded, iliequipped orphanages, or of an economy devastated by 40 years of Communist oppression. But what does the future hold five

ended Communist rule? Romania is a potentially rich country. It is has abundant natural resources, including oil, and an educated and well-trained work force. Its external debt is low. When European communism collapsed in 1989, Poland's external debt was \$35 billion, Hungary's \$17 billion and Romania's virtually zero.

years after the revolution that

Eighty percent of Romania's rich farmland is now in private hands. More than 400,000 private businesses have sprouted up, and together they employ

By Alfred H. Moses The writer is the U.S. ambassador to Romania.

By Misha Glenny

almost half of the work force. The Romanian leu has been stable against the dollar for the past year, thanks to a tough stabiliza-tion program backed by the International Monetary Fund. Last year, Romania's gross do-mestic product grew by more than 3 percent and real wages increased for the first time in five years.

Inflation fell to 62 percent last year after reaching 300 percent the year before. Finance Minister Florin Georgescu predicts it will drop to 30 percent this year and that GDP and real wages will again increase.

Romania has a freely elected government. All political parties support closer ties to the West. But Romania's moment of truth is fast approaching. Ninety-six percent of industrial production is still state-owned. Unless Romania moves rapidly to privatize the 6,000 remaining state-owned businesses, and dismantles the Soviet-style industrial dinosaurs that cost it \$2 billion a year, the progress to date will be for naught. Economic stagnation and political extremism are likely to re-emerge. For the IMF to continue to

support Romania's economic program, and for the World Bank to lend Romania the money it needs for its balance of payments while it restructures its worst-performing companies. three steps are essential.

• The Parliament must adopt a privatization law covering 3,000 small and medium-sized been tied up in legislative wran-gling since September. by declining living standards. Unless Romania makes the

• Romania needs to enact a Western-style bankruptcy law and to create a stock market so that shares in newly created companies can be bought and sold at real market prices. A stock market would also provide the mechanism to attract desperately needed foreign capital. Total for-eign investment in Romania is a little more than \$1 billion, compared to \$8 billion in Hungary, a country with a population less than half of Roman

 The Romanian government must stick with a tight monetary policy, despite the hardships this imposes on the people in the short run. This is not politically popular in a country where real vages are only 60 percent of what they were when Mr. Ceausescu fell Romanian politicians have not forgotten the postate-owned businesses that has litical upheaval in 1991 caused

hard choices now, it faces a future of economic stagnation and political instability that will doom its chances of becoming a full partner with the West.
That is sure to arouse historic

Romanian fears of being left in a security and political vacuum between East and West. Romanians remember France's abandoning the Little Entente at Munich in 1938, leaving Romania to fend for itself between Nazi Ger-many and Stalinist Russia, with devastating consequences.

Romania is now at a critical point in its negotiations with the IMF and the World Bank. The outcome of these negotiations will determine whether Romania, like Cinderella, gets a chance to dance with Prince Charming or goes back to living with the mice in the kitchen. International Herald Tribune.

A Chance for Croats and Serbs to Avert the Approaching Explosion

SALONIKA, Greece — The Clinton administration has persuaded Croatian President Franjo Tudiman to retreat from a course of action that might have led to full-scale war with Serbia.

War still cannot be ruled out.

A lot depends both on the rebel Serbian minority that rules onethird of Croatia, a region called Krajina, and on the president of Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic.

The immediate threat was defused when the international com-DUI DATUCULARIV State Department, got Mr. Tudjman to rescind his decision to evict 12,500 United Nations peacekeepers who monitor the so-called zone of separation between Krajina and the rest of Croatia.

TORONTO - Their "turbot

Canadians to an unusual state

of belligerent indignation. It

seems to be unanimous, over-

shadowing for the moment the

And some Canadians admit

to a secret thrill of defiance, the

satisfaction of what Americans

across the border call "in your

face," even as they acknow-

ledge that they have broken in-

"It's good for our image,"

said a witty woman with long

experience in world affairs.

"Now they won't think we're

nothing but international boy

scouts," which is how Canadi-

The specific question is over-fishing on the high seas just be-

yond the Grand Banks breeding

grounds, which lie mostly with-

in Canada's 200-mile North At-

Canadians say Spanish trawlers are depleting stocks of tur-bot, in violation of international

agreements. Cod, which used to

be the major catch in this area,

has all but disappeared, for the

same reason according to Cana-

dian studies. So the navy was

After warning shots across

the bow of one of the trawlers,

which quickly cut its nets while

others took flight, Canadians boarded the boat and forced it

to port in Newfoundland. The

"Piracy," screamed Madrid,

Spanish captain was arrested.

demanding support from its Eu-

ropean Union partners. "Ecological crime," thundered Can-

ada, appealing for sympathy

from all who worry about the

It is hardly the stuff that world

crises and major power conflicts

are made of, but it has all the

elements on a minor scale. And it

planet's natural resources.

bitter quarrel over indepen-

dence for Quebec.

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lantic economic zone.

sent out to stop it.

L war" with Spain has stirred

troops to 5,000 --- and, crucially, that the 5,000 patrol not only the zone of separation but also Krajina's borders with Bosnia and Serbia to try to prevent Serbs in those countries from giving the

Krajina Serbs military support. The United Nations worries about its ability to perform both tasks with reduced personnel.

The Serbs in Knin, the Kraiina "capital," and in Belgrade are debating whether to accept any change in the mandate. If the Serbs in Knin don't want the international borders patrolled because they want no interference with military supplies, Mr. Tudjman might well insist that all Even so, Mr. Tudjman insists 12,500 peacekeepers leave. Then on a reduction from 12,500 both armies would grab for stra-12,500 peacekeepers leave. Then

Safety Nets to Snare the Turbot War

By Flora Lewis

of interest can erupt unexpected-

ly into violence, and what is now

available to keep such global

traffic violations from upsetting

To start with, traditional fish-

ing communities in both New-

foundland and Spain are hurt-

ing badly, seeing their live-

lihoods worn away as industrial

methods and increasingly glob-al competition diminish sup-

plies and undercut prices. There

is an agreement on the total an-

nual fishing catch in the North

Atlantic, but dispute on how

much of it each country should

be allowed and especially on

Spanish fisheries have some-

thing of a reputation for peach-

ing, and have had their quarrels

with France and Britain as well

as with other countries, espe-

cially in Africa. But as a mem-

ber of the European Union, Spain expects solidarity from its

partners and seems to be getting

the talk of Europe's disarray, the

ties can hold when it comes to

facing outsiders - not quite the

"common foreign policy" of as-piration, but not the old every-

body-against-everybody, either.

drid may persuade Brussels to impose EU sanctions in retalia-

tion, which could involve a great deal more than fish. The fear

that three major trading blocs

were emerging to divide up the

world among Europe, the Americas and Asia has receded

since completion of the Uru-

guay Round of GATT, but it

Geo-economics is coming to

take precedence over geopoli-tics as national policies move

from Cold War concerns of se-

lurks in the background.

shows how underlying conflicts curity to issues of trade and

Canada is worried that Ma-

Here is evidence that despite

it in Brussels.

what to do about cheating.

what order there is.

tegic points along this 1,100-kilo-meter line. The Croats would make substantial gains. Belgrade would be under overwhelming domestic pressure to send troops to support the Krajina Serbs.

The front line between the armies has been stable since the plan that created the UN presence was signed in 1991 by Zagreb, Knin and Belgrade.

Croatia now claims that the UN force is consolidating the sta-tus quo. Croatia's impatience is understandable. Part of Kraima cuts the main railway link between Zagreb and the Dalmatian coast, whose tourist industry is potentially Croatia's largest foreign currency earner.

Also, Croatia's delicate econo-

jobs. The recent public spat be-tween France and the United

States about industrial espionage

was an example of how shifting

definitions of national interest

are putting ever more emphasis

There are institutions and es

tablished ways of dealing with

the quarrels that result. But the

question is whether and how

they are used, at what point

states consider their general re-

lations with foreign powers and their good standing as law-abid-ing members of the world com-munity more or less important

Specific grievances seem to be

getting the upper hand in many

parts of the world of late. Of

course, conflict makes news and

accommodation seldom does, so

the number of disputes that

Spain has said it will take the

piracy issue to the International Court of Justice in The Hague,

where Canada would doubtless be condemned. It does not pre-

tend that it acted legally, but

says it was justified not only by its own needs but in the overall

interests of the global environ-

ment, which doesn't respect bor-

But Brussels is trying to work

out an acceptable settlement.

Canada has already said it will

let the captain and crew go

home, although as a matter of principle it insists that the boat's

owners post a bond for releasing

it. The United Nations has a

conference coming up on fishery conservation where there will be

an attempt to make new rules.

Doubtless the "turbot war"

will be defused, and some kind

of reason will prevail. Reason

does still exist, and there is

proof that the United Nations

and international institutions

are invaluable. The world does

have some fail-safe machinery.

O Flora Lewis.

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don't boil over isn't evident.

than specific grievances."

on commercial advantage.

million refugees, many of whom were driven out of the Serbianheld area. Unable to return home, they represent an influential and angry constituency in Croatia.

Zagreb is guilty of misrepresentation when it claims that the United Nations has made no pro-

gress in helping to reintegrate the rajina region into Croatia. Mr. Tudjman's move to end the UN mandate came after Knin and Zagreb signed an economic agreement in December following UNsponsored negotiations. The pact enabled Croatian drivers to use their country's main highway,

which has been closed for almost four years where it crosses the Serbian-held territory. The agreement also opened a pipeline. Real progress was being made toward the start of political negotiations on the status of the rebel Serbs when Mr. Tudjman surprised everybody by ordering the

United Nations out. This was evidently a tactic to deflect attention from the crisis in Bosnia and focus it on Zagreb's frustrations. By backing down last weekend from this cynically manufactured crisis, Mr. Tudjman got his pay-off — promises of Western eco-

nomic support. On Monday, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany said that now that Croatia has allowed the United Nations to stay, the peaceful reintegration of the Krajina region must be accelerated. To

make that possible, he asked Mr.

Milosevic to recognize Croatia. The West has already told Mr. Milosevic that if he recognizes Croatia and Bosnia, UN economic sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia imposed in 1992 will be lifted. This is a nice idea, but it

will not work.
Mr. Milosevic argues that he can consider recognition only if the sanctions, which have made life miserable for ordinary Serbs,

my has to sustain almost half a are first lifted. This would enable him to appease his restless domestic constituency. There is a way out of the im-passe. The UN Security Council

should suspend the sanctions for a limited time. Any permanent member of the council could insist on reimposing them if Mr. Milosevic was unable or unwilling to deliver on his promises. Suspension would allow him to demonstrate to his own popula-

tion that talks, not war, provide the best solution to the crisis that has made a mess of all of the former Yugoslavia — except Slovenia. Without a suspension of sanctions, any appeal to Mr. Mi-losevic to recognize Croatia and Bosnia will fall on deaf ears. Sanctions aside, his position on

the Kraima region is clear. Zagreb and Knin must arrive at a political solution that defines the special rights and status of the Serbs who would remain in Croatia. Once this happened, he would recognize Croatia. So even if the Serbs in Knin and in Belgrade agree on a change in the UN mandate, Zagreb will

still have to negotiate with Knin if it wants to avoid the use of force in getting Krajina back. The U.S. ambassador to Croatia, Peter Galbraith, has come up with a document that the international community thinks should be the basis for negotiations. It envisions a return of Krajina while

giving the Serbs special status. The Croats have doubts. But both they and the Serbs should use the offices of Mr. Galbraith and other mediators to explore the opportunities for a settlement, Anything else could lead to an explosion in the northern Balkans.

The writer, author of "The Fall of Yugoslavia" and now preparing a book on Balkan nationalism since 1804, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Push to Peking? NEW YORK - Colonel John A.

Cockerill sends a letter to the Herald from Japan, dated Tokio, March I. He says: "Japan cannot afford to reject the peace overtures which Li-Hung-Chang will carry, but it is believed here that some juggling delay will be adopted. The popular heart is set on going to Peking and will not be satisfied otherwise. Active preparations are also being made for a descent upon Formosa. Before peace is settled, Japan will have fastened her clutches upon the richest of Chinese possessions."

1920: Coffee Instead

NEW YORK — Coffee-drinking. is the favorite diversion of hotel patrons these wintry evenings, according to Mr. Copeland Town-send, of the Hotel Majestic, who

Majestic, coffee sales have increased more than 400 percent since prohibition went into effect. Dance crowds too are resorting to coffee, and it is said that 4 or 5 cups an evening is the usual order.

1945: V-2 Rocket Bombs

LONDON - Permission to disclose that German V-2 rocket bombs have been dropping on London, causing casualties and damage in the world's largest city. was granted by censorship here for the first time today [March 16]. Censorship still forbids publication of anything identifying exact areas where V-bombs land. Despite some damage there has been no dislocation of the city life and people are not unduly impressed by the rocket bombs, which contain a ton of explosive and go off without warning after dropping from a height of 60 miles has statistics to show that at the faster than the speed of sound.

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Auction All This Thin Air And Cut the National Debt

By William Safire

WASHINGTON - They all laughed at the economist Milton Friedman when he suggested a generation ago that the federal government auction off broadcast licenses, instead of giving them away to political favorites.

The last laugh is his; last week in the greatest auction in history, bidders for wireless places on a tiny fragment of the broadband spec-

Based on current uses, the market value of the VHF, UHF, cellular, broadband and narrowband spectrum would be \$120 billion. In the coming era, this could hit a half-trillion dollars.

trum committed nearly \$8 billion to

the U.S. Treasury.

And that's only the beginning of the taxpayers' bonanza in the sale of valuable thin air.

Remember all the talk, eight years ago, of high-definition television, the Japanese invention that was supposed to force us all to replace our television sets? U.S. manufacturers, with antitrusters' blessing, formed a "Grand Alliance" to match the Japanese advance.

Along came an unexpected scientific breakthrough which leapfrogged the analog (feh!) competition into the brave new digital world. This not only produces a knock-your-socksoff picture but expands each TV channel into five or six wireless channels for video, audio, computer data transmission, telephones and every form of communication short of mental telepathy.

Broadcasters smacked their lips at the bonanza. "Advanced television is not just about pretty pictures any-Reed Hundt, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. told Edmund Andrews of The New York Times, one of the few reporters on top of this story. "It's about the digitization of television

and a huge range of new services."

It's as if one old oil well gave birth to six new gushers. Broadcasting lobbyists have descended on Congress and the FCC to ensure "flexi-bility" — that is, to exploit exclusively all the new technology, and to charge viewers for the "ancillary and

supplementary" services.

Even if accompanied by payment

of rent to the government, the exclusive arrangement sought by broadcasters would be an outrageous tax-

are primitive, the market value of the VHF, UHF, cellular, broadband and narrowband spectrum ranges

But in the near future, your television set will combine with your computers and telephone and fax ma-

I have seen not-for-attribution estimates that the market value of the digitized spectrum in that onrushing era will be - hold your breath a half-trillion dollars, give or take

a hundred billion. Before rushing into any giveaway, or any long-term exclusive rentaway, we need extended, wide-

First, a guarantee of spectrum competition is needed. The criterion to determine competition must be scripulously economic, not jiggered by the government to introduce sexual or racial or ethnic or ideological favoritism. An appeals court has just stayed the FCC from holding anc-

Next, certain rights should be held back. For example, the campaign finance dilemma could be solved justlikethat by putting a right-of-way in the deed setting aside time, on-line time and direct Email advertising for candidates, which could be used or traded or sold

dollar for its public property. That means a series of Friedman-style auctions. After the purchases, so-phisticated risk-takers and their banking backers can enhance the value of their property at no cost to the taxpayer and with great benefit to the consumer.

What is the digitized, divisible channel worth? Larry Pressler, Senate Commerce Committee chairman, gave a hint, suggesting in an op-ed piece that noncommercial licensees had a huge hidden asset: "Public broadcasting stations could rent, sell or make use of the additional channels for other telecommunications and information services."

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open, thoroughly debated hearings to make certain of three outcomes:

tions that favored minority fronts.

by them in election campaigns.

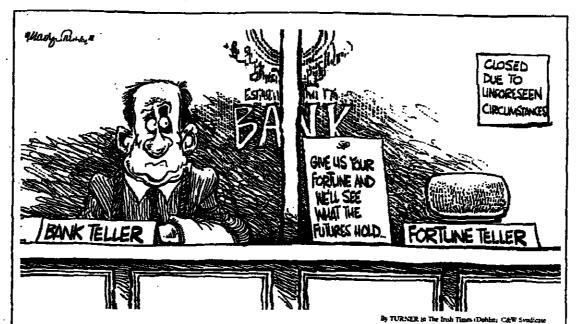
Finally, America should get top

Where should the spectrum-sale money go? Toward reduction of the national debt. By recognizing the hidden asset of the spectrum, Americans The New York Times.

payer ripoff.

chine into a single unit you can hang on the wall or fold up in your pock-et. That's soon — possibly in the next presidential term.

can ride the wave of the future.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Adams and Americans

Regarding "Cold Spell: Ulster and the Balkans Come Between Clinton and Major" (Opinion, March 16) by Jim Hoagland:

The difference between Gerry Adams and Yasser Arafat is not (as Mr. Hoagland says) that Mr. Adams delivers on his promises and Mr. Arafat does not. It is that Mr. Arafat arguably represents a real Palestinian constituency, while Mr. Adams represents only a terrorist organization, Mr. Adams does not represent Ireland. The people of Northern Ireland are a minority in Ireland, but Mr. Adams does not represent them. The Roman Catholics are a minority in Northern Ireland, and Mr. Adams does not represent them. He speaks for a minority of a minority. He has no mandate, no constituency, no authority. Why on earth is Gerry Adams feted by Irish Americans?

ROGER HELMER. Singapore.

Pretend Castro Isn't There

President François Mitterrand of France tweaked the nose of the United States on Monday over its marathon embargo of Fidel Castro's government in Cuba, and more power to him for that. The embargo indeed "stupid," but that is not the whole story.

the best and brightest Cubans left favor of the Kurdish population.
with only the shirts on their backs, and now hundreds of thousands ously sentence defenders of Kurdish more would like to do the same.

Mr. Castro's obsession with commu-suppress freedom of expression. nism has hurt the island much more, even when the Soviet Union was still a union. Now Fidel is a fossil (although at last he has abandoned his fatigues in favor of a capitalist-style

business suit). He is near extinction. U.S. policy should be to make believe that Fidel Castro isn't even there and go direct to the Cuban people with aid. The United States might have to channel this help through the Cuban government to wit, end the embargo. It should be made clear that this is happening in spite of Mr. Castro and not because of him. It is the humane and proper

> EDWARD RAPP. Duras, France.

About Turkish Democracy

Regarding "Modern Turkey Is Part of Europe, and Increasingly So" (Opinion, March 7) by Tansu Ciller:

The prime minister of Turkey tries to persuade readers of the at-tachment of her government to democratic values. Let me remind you that today, more than 100 journalists, authors and university professors are in Turkish jails, convicted under articles 6 and 8 of the socalled Anti-Terror Law of dissemi-Mr. Castro has presided over the nating "propaganda aimed at the ruination of a once vital and produc-unity and territorial integrity of the tive country. The process started in Republic of Turkey." In fact, they 1960 with his pronouncements on are imprisoned and fined for their Communist ideology. Thousands of writings in newspapers and books in

The state security courts notorirights as "supporters of terrorism"

The embargo is wrong because it and "propagandists." The Anti-Terhurts the Cuban people, agreed. But for Law is systematically used to

Among the prisoners is Haluk Gerger, a writer, journalist and member of the executive committee of the World Federation of United Nations Associations. He was sentenced to one and a half years in prison and a fine of 208 million Turkish lira (about \$5,000). As he refused to pay the fine, it was con-verted to three additional years of imprisonment. Our campaign to free him has produced no results.

Prime Minister Ciller had better push through Parliament an amendment (presently shelved) to abrogate relevant articles of the Anti-Terror Law. For now, Turkey is a part of geographical Europe but not of democratic Europe.

MAREK HAGMAJER. Secretary-General. World Federation of United Nations Associations. Geneva.

Australia and Timor

Regarding "Making a Tardy Issue of East Timor" (Opinion, March 6) by Richard Woolcott:

The writer's arguments are flawed. The Australian variant of East Timorese self-determination is the same one the Indonesian government uses. Accepting Indonesian sovereignty over East Timor, as Mr. Woolcott does, is quite cynical. And blaming Portugal is the pot calling the kettle black. The talks between the various Ti-

morese factions next month in Vienna will, in fact, be a step toward Timorese self-determination. LIEM SOEI LIONG.

Surrey, England.

The Humble, Contrite Face Of a Former Racist Symbol

By Colman McCarthy

ery, Alabama, last week, the once your forgiveness." irrepressible governor — now 75, in In 1982, Mr. Wallace expressed irrepressible governor - now 75, in-

past hatred that made him both symbol and enforcer of anti-black racism ernor in the late 1980s, he hired a in the 1960s. On March 10, Mr. Wal- black press secretary, appointed lace went to St. Jude's Church to be more than 160 blacks to state govwith 200 other people marking the erning boards and worked to double

ing for — and receiving — forgiveness. In a statement read for him (he was too ill to speak), Mr. Wallace told those in the crowd who had marched 30 years ago:

Much has transpired since those days. A great deal has been lost and

MEANWHILE

a great deal gained, and here we are. My message to you today is, wel-come to Montgomery. May your message be heard. May your lessons never be forgotten."

In gracious and spiritual words, Joseph Lowery, a leader in the original march and now the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, or SCLC, thanked the former separatist "for coming out of your sickness to meet us."

"You are a different George Wal-lace today," he said. "We both serve a God who can make the desert bloom. We ask God's blessing on you."
This scene at the church of St.

Jude - patron saint of hopeless invites an obvious and skeptical question: Was Mr. Wallace, the one-time spewer of venom sincere? Or was it nothing but a ploy to avoid being embedded in story as the racist who blocked a schoolhouse door?

made an unpublicized and unanthe congregation. As recounted by Stephen Lesher, in his 1994 book, George Wallace: American Populist," the former governor was pushed up the aisle and spoke: I have learned what suffering means. In a way that was impossi-

ble [before the shooting]. I think

WASHINGTON—in the annals I can understand something of W of religious and political con-versions, lew shiftings were as unlike-to endure. I know I contributed ly as George Wallace's. In Montgom- to that pain, and I can only ask

firm, pain-wracked and in a wheel- the same sentiment before the chair since his shooting in 1972 — SCLC. He has apologized during a held hands with black Southerners television interview. In 1987 he recand sang "We Shall Overcome." onciled and prayed with the Revernd sang "We Shali Overcome." onciled and prayed with the Rever-What Mr. Wallace overcame is his end Jesse Jackson.

In Mr. Wallace's last term as gov-30th anniversary of the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

It was a reaching-out moment of reconciliation of Mr. Wallace's ask-his last race for governor he won with 60 percent of the vote and well more than 90 percent of the black vote - but on a deeper level it was using his waning political power to bond with those he once scorned. Tuskegee Institute responded by giving him an honorary degree.

Stephen Lesher saw Mr. Wallace's change as revealing "a humanity too often lacking in his actions: alone and crippled, forced to introspection for the first time in his life, he realized that though he had purported to be the champion of the poor and the helpless, he had trampled on the poorest and most helpless of all his constituents — the blacks."

By word and act, George Wallace comes close to being a living example of one of Martin Luther King's most enduring sermons, delivered at Christmas 1957 at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. It was on for-giveness as both a theological virtue

and a practical way of life.

"Forgiveness," Mr. King said,
"does not mean ignoring what has
been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship ... While abhorring segregation, we shall love the segregationist. This is the only way to create the beloved community.

George Wallace is as much a part The evidence suggests genuine-ness. In 1979 at the Dexter Avenue of that community as any other re-pentant who seeks and receives for-Baptist Church in Montgomery—
where Martin Luther King Jr. was
pastor in the 1950s—Mr. Wallace
political life, anti-black racism was made an unpublicized and unan-nounced Sunday morning visit to most of America's life. How many more Wallaces still

need to come forward and show the courage of asking forgiveness? Whatever the number, no shortage exists of largehearted blacks like Joe Lowery willing to ask God's blessings for them.

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BOOKS

A VOID

By Georges Perec. Translated from French by Gilbert Adair. 304 pages. \$24. Harvill/Harper

Reviewed by Walter Abish GEORGES PERECS pre-ferred representation of life was the clusive, artfully constructed commorum --- an unlimited mystery that engages the reader as much as it animates, in several of his books, the very characters. The customary, the everyday is subsumed by the question, why, how and to what end? Questions that never receive a satisfactory response.

In Perec's books everything ultimately leads to obfuscation and concealment. In an earlier book. "W. or the Memory of Childhood," two parallel stories
— one, a Delphian allegorical tale, the other various autobiographical fragments including imely drawn descriptions of Perec's early childhood in the French Alps, where he was hidmal constraint that disallows any display of emotions. What we have instead is a chilling clar-

• Philip Rylands, deputy director of the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice, is reading "Looking at Giacometti" by David Sylvester.

combining the author's personal relationship with the artist, his scholarship and connoisseurship. It's a great way of looking at difficult works of (John Brunton, IHT)



the full weight of Perec's emotional communication, including the fractional mention of the death of his parents, both Jewish (his father, a soldier was killed during the German onslaught in 1940, and in 1942 his mother, despite her being a war widow, was shipped to Auschwitz, from

literary historians and mathematicians, intent on investigating the many stratagems and constrictive devices, such as the pal-indrome and the lipogram, that have been applied over the cen-turies by writers seeking to ex-pand textual possibilities. Ou-LiPo not only generated ideas, it led Perec to the lipogram — the art of writing a text with one or

He may have chosen the constrictive form of the lipogram for any number of reasons, not least of which was that it enables the writer, in the words of Rimbaud, whose lipogram-poem appears in the novel, "to express the in-expressible." It is also, it should be noted, an ideal vehicle for hiding the inexpressible.

disparition," now translated as

The history of the lipogram dates from the ancient Greeks. lts many more recent practitioners include Mallarmé, Rimbaud, Thomas Hood and an American, Ernest Vincent Wright, who omitted the letter "e" from his novel "Gadsby," published in 1939. Indeed, Wright may have served as a model for Perec, for he is referred to a number of times in "A Void" as "The Boss" to highlight his aignificance.

On reading "A Void," which is distinguished by the notice-able omission of all words containing the letter "e," the question arises: Can this be a serious undertaking or is it just plain tomfoolery, balderdash, drivel? For, given the constraints, language is severely mangled, and a certain silliness becomes unavoidable. The book opens with the novel's anti-hero, fittingly named Vowl, consulting an otolaryngologist for a cure to his chronic insomnia, and being talked into a questionable sinus operation. For six months, as Vowl recovers, he keeps a diary in which he enters the trivial everyday events of his life, omitting nothing. Then, once he has mailed the 26 books of the diary to an acquaintance, Vowl disappears on All Saints' Day.

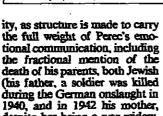
"A Void" is parodic and farcical, and at the same time, as it underscores the difficulties of proceeding in this e-less landscape, it encourages the reader more letters of the alphabet missing — and the following year it enabled him to write "La to unravel the many false leads to this absurd quest, for a quest

> But a quest to what end? Surely not Vowl, whose disappearance provides the pretext for the quest, for "A Void" is a construct, a deliberate artifice, a mystification in search of a decoder. Nothing is what it truly appears to be. There is not so much a subtext to interpret as there is a buried text, something the author is at pains to conceal from the reader and, quite possibly, even from himself.

> "A Void," in Gilbert Adair's masterly translation, may be an invitation to a misreading, but it is decidedly worth the journey for the intrepid reader.

Walter Abish, whose books include "Alphabetical Africa," "How German Is It" and "Eclipse Fever," wrote this for The Washington Post.

"This is a very special book,



where she never returned).
When in 1967, in what was to be a significant step in his career, Perec became a member of Ouden during the German occupa-tion—are recounted with a for-de Littérature Potentielle (Workshop for Potential Literature), that group was a small organization of writers, poets,

won with the ace, and a heart

was ruffed. The club king was led and ruffed by East. South

overruffed and was sure that

East held the major suits. A

diamond was led to the ace and

the club queen was led. East ruffed with the nine, and South

threw her remaining diamond

East returned a trump to

dummy's queen, and a diamond

ruff was followed by the heart

ace. The position was then:

rather than overruff.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

N the diagramed deal, the opening one-club bid was Precision, strong, artificial and forcing East's overcall of one diamond was an oddity: It showed either both major suits or both minor suits. North-South arrived in four spades and South had to work hard for The opening club lead was

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Pass

South ruffed a heart, bringing down the king, and ruffed a diamond. The heart queen scored the 10th trick, and she gained 13 imps when a somewhat ambitious six-spade contract failed in the replay.

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It's That Time of Year in Amsterdam

Sean Connery and Laurence Fishburne in a scene from "Just Cause."

Just Cause

Directed by Arne Glimcher. U. S. The crime thriller "Just Cause" has been directed so antiseptically that it lacks all sense of lifelike detail. Despite good looks, it offers a textbook example of direction (by Arne Glimcher) that's utterly out of sync with its subject matter. All the actors are immaculately bar-bered, whether they are in the groves of academe or on death row. A Florida swamp is photographed so crisply that it seems to have no humidity. The swamp's alligators look animatronic. Their eyes are light bulbs. This police story didn't need alligators, anyhow. Bobby Earl Ferguson (Blair Underwood) is arrested for murder and his sweet, humble, actressy grandma (Ruby Dee) travels by bus to enlist the aid of Paul Armstrong (Sean Connery), a distinguished Harvard Law School professor. Dropping everything, Armstrong takes the case. He is advised by his wife (Kate Capshaw) that helping Ferguson will put him "in the real world." "Just Cause" displays no inkling of where that might be. Laurence Fishburne, who outshines most of the material he's given, brings this film its only (Janet Maslin, NYT) L'Emigre

Directed by Youssef Chahine. France,

Egypt. The biblical tribulations of Joseph and his jealous brothers inspired the Egyptian director Youssef Chahine to make a modern, popular movie without the bencfit of a Hollywood budget. A bearded patriarch (Michel Piccoli) lives in the desert with his shepherd sons; his favorite, Ram, the youngest (Khaled El Nabaoui), is tested, tricked and punished mercilessly. Escape comes in a violent form when the brothers beat Ram and

leave him for dead in the hull of a boat that sails for Egypt. His cleverness and beauty win him a place in the Pharaoh's court and the household of Amihar (Mahmoud Hemida), a commander of armies. Ram returns to the desert, on the Egyptian side, and makes miracles, cultivating wheat, saving the people from famine. Chahinehas captured the passion of a self-made man from the Third World, the drama of exile to an opulent society. The director has created a vibrant fresco with characters that ring true. And this is the miracle.

(Joan Dupont, IHT)

Directed by Makoto Shiina. Japan. Makota Shiina, a popular author and sometime film director, took his crew all the way to Mongolia to make this interesting movie about a small boy and his big ambition to win the boy's horse race at the summer festival. It is to the director's credit that we are not once reminded of "National Velvet." Also, the little boy does not win the race and is winningly philosophical about it. As played by the young actor Ganboldin Baasankhuu, he is, in fact, a very real little boy. All of the Mongolian actors are extremely good. They have an extraordinary ease before the camera and the ability to convey real emotions with restraint and economy. Not always so the director. He cuts away to Disneyesque close-ups of cuts away to Disneyesque close-ups of cute animals and pretty flowers and is personally responsible for having commissioned a truly dreadful score by André Gagnon — new age meanderings that have nothing to do with Mongolia, or anything else. But it isn't often that we get to see this wildly beautiful country and these winning people so closely.

(Donald Richie, IHT) By Daralice D. Boles

LEISURE

MSTERDAM — It's tulip time in Amsterdam, and every Amsterdammer who is not nibbling on raw herring, another spring-time tradition, will have in hand the telltale white paper package filled with tightly

The more exotic and expensive varieties can be enjoyed en masse at the Keukenhof, a 70-acre (30-hectare) garden of 6 million bulbs in Lisse, a half-hour south of Amsterdam. In town, too, flowers are everywhere: in outdoor stalls or in greater concentration at the floating Flower Mar-ket on barges on the Singel by the Munt-

Pastry and candy shops also outdo themselves in the spring in anticipation first of Easter and then of Queen's Day, a national holiday on April 30. It's worth a stroll by Kwekkeboom (36 Reguliersbreestraat) or Errol Trumpie (46 Leidsestraat) to see the solid chocolate Easter baskets, the marzipan bunnies and the pastry parade.

The spring calendar of the Rijksmu-seum includes an exhibition of 19th-century Japanese prints by artists such as Hokusai and Hiroshige. "The Age of Elegance: 18th-Century Paintings From the Rijksmuseum" runs from April 29 to Sept. 24. For information, call 673-2121 (the dialing code for the Netherlands is 31; the code for Amsterdam is 20).

"Alfa Romeo: La Bellezza Necessaria" runs through April 2 at the Stedelijk Mu-seum, 873-2911. The exhibition features 10 automobiles from the 1930s up to the 1995 Spider, together with original drawings, design documents, photos and films,
Next door, the Van Gogh Museum, 570-5200, has opened its renovated temporary exhibition space on the third floor with a show on the French Impressionist Jean-Louis Forain.

The Concertgebouw (671-8345) has started a Sunday morning series featuring various ensembles in a mainly classical repertory, such as Beethoven's Piano Trio in D and Rachmaninoff's Piano Trio in G, to be performed by the Osiris Trio on

April 2 at 11 A. M. Other highlights of the spring season

■ The Handel House Trust, which seeks to create a museum in the musician's London residence, was not amused to find out rock fans want a plaque placed on the house next door in the name of Jimi Hendrix. "I detect a certain musical snobbery here," a Hendrix estate spokesman told a British paper.

at 8:15. The Wednesday lunch concerts at 12:30 in the Kleine Zaal are free. Box office: 671-8345.

The Info-Line (675-4411) explains what tickets are available for the next 24 hours. Through March, the Muziektheater, 3 Amstel. 625-5455, will alternate perfor-

mances of Arnold Schoenberg's "Trilogy" by the Netherlands Opera (March 22, 26, and 30 at 8 P. M. and next Sunday at 1:30 P. M.) and a new production of "Sleeping Beauty" by the National Ballet (Saturday and March 20, 21, 23, 24, 27 and 31 at 8 P. M.; March 26 and 29 at 2 P. M.). On April 3, 4, 6 and 7 at 8:15 P.M. the ballet revives the drama-dance "Shamrock" by the American choreographer Carolyn

by the American choreographer Carolyn Carlson, and the opera finishes a run of Rossini's "L'Italiana in Algeri" (April 21, 26, 29 at 8 P. M. and April 23 at 1:30). The Netherlands Tourist Bureau (known as VVV, for its initials in Dutch) publishes a series of six city walks, lasting from two to four hours, that provide a synthesis of social, political and architectural history for only \$1.75 each. "Jewish Amsterdam" starts and finishes at the Jewish Historical Museum, tel. 626-9945, worth a visit in its Museum, tel. 626-9945, worth a visit in its own right, both for its site — four 17th-century and 18th-century synagogues — and its exhibitions on Jewish life in Amster-dam, past and present. Admission is free.

One of the newer tours covers the Plantage, a district of tree-lined boulevards and botanical gardens that forms a sharp

include performances by the violinist Itz-hak Perlman on April 26 at 8:15 P. M. and the pianist Alfred Brendel on June 11 the Jordaan, Amsterdam's Soho. This once working-class neighborhood is fast gentrifying, with new bontiques and cafes lining the narrow, crooked streets.

Close by the Jordaan, at the Anne Frank House, 263 Prinsengracht, 626-4533, is a newly found letter written by Anne's father, Otto, to an English cousin after his release from Auschwitz, but before he had learned of his family's fate.

Many moderately priced hotels occupy restored townhouses along the canals. They are small, scenic and popular, so book as soon as possible. The Netherlands Board of Tourism publishes a hotel guide for Amsterdam, and reservations can be made through the Netherlands Reserva-tion Center, (70) 317-5454, fax (70) 320-

OR Dutch home cooking, try Keuken van 1870, 4 Spuistraat, 624-8965, where the portions are huge, the prices low and the taste typically Dutch, from the sausage with mashed potatoes and gravy to vegetable stew and split-pea soup — with a glass of beer or wine and good Dutch coffee. Lunch or dinner, served from noon to 8 P. M. will cost \$10 a person.

On the other side of the city, and a world away in atmosphere, Café De Jaren, 20 Nieuwe Doelenstraat, 625-5771, is bigger and brighter than the typical Dutch "brown cafe." You can sit for hours nursing a cup of coffee or a beer and watch tour boats glide by on the Amstel River. A bowl of soup and a broodje, cheese or meat on a Dutch roll, costs \$6. More expensive meals are available either in the cafe or, starting at 5:30 P. M., in an upstairs restaurant, whose conventional but tasty menu runs from grilled steaks and salmon to an elaborate salad bar. Expect to spend \$18 a person with a glass of beer

Amsterdam is known for its Indonesian restaurants. One of the best is Speciaal, 142 Nicuwe Leliestrant, 624-9706. Reservations are essential as the restaurant is small. If you've never tried rijsttafel, a sampling of up to 20 different Indonesian dishes, do so now, for \$23.50 a person, plus a \$2.50 beer.

Expect to spend the evening over a leisurely dinner at Bordewijk, 7 Noordermarkt, 624-3899, where most diners seem to keep their table for the night. The bistro, designed by a Dutch furniture designer, Rob Eckhardt, has curved wood walls and a colored marquee. It is very popular, so reservations are essential."

The menu ranges from pumpkin soup with calf's sweetbreads sausage to monk-fish in bacon with wild mushroom ravioli and parsley butter. The wine list is extensive. Dinner is at least \$50 a person à la carte with wine, but set menus of three to five courses are available from \$36.

Daralice D. Boles, who moved to London recently after living in Amsterdam for two years, wrote this for The New York Times.

2 Fairy Tales, Sweet and Lovely

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

ARIS -- Two fashion fairy tales were sugar-spun in tulle and lace. One was sweetness and light — a parade of pretty pink shoes and baby blue socks peeping out of a long tulle skirt. The other had chiffon-weight mohair coats in sweet-and-sour colors against a decor of glowing Japanese lanterns in an en-

chanted forest. And guess which was the work of Karl Lagerfeld and which of Rei Kawakubo? It was the Japanese designer who

Paris Fashion

lighted up the fall season with her magical parade of cobweb-light layers, felt coats with paint-splash patterns and em-broidered apron dresses in a show she described as "sweeter than sweet."

than sweet."

While Lagerfeld's Chloe show Thursday had more real clothes than in previous seasons, there was no clear focus.

"Dream-like, a fairty tale—like a lantern-party in winter," said Lagerfeld, referring to the

striking decor. The lantern theme was repeated in bold prints and in the rounded skirts. to the past for his romantic vision of Chloé. The opening mohair coats edged with satin over

luxe, light-handed cocktail clothes this line used to be about. Then the collection dipped Paris trend. and dived, offering paneled-But there week for Fendi and then the from sharp orange to dusty col-dired shirts under brief jackets. ors like pale mauve. And this herself might have worn a lacy Best were coats with caped- fairy tale needed a better ending embroidered pinafore over a

Chloe's featherweight mohair coat and draped dress.

shoulders, which seems to be a than folklore embroideries in a sea of mohair. But there was no clear fashion jackets à la Chanel, the metallic message in the lacy knits, the styles, crinoline skirts and cas-

With its unicorn-spike hairlurex Lagerfeld showed last lace dresses or even in the switch cading ruffles, Comme des Gar-

gingham checked slip or the wool-lace knits with daisywheel patterns.

But like all great fairy tales, the show had a disturbing undertone: cape jackets banding the shoulders like a straitjacket and often a shadow of something darker and heavier underneath the mist of tulie.

But that was Kawakubo's conception. She played the pretty colors, the embossed knits, the rose-petal neckline against severe and simple lines, as though she were abstracting symbols of prettiness. It was a strong statement about women yearning for prettiness — rather than a simple parade of clothes.

Yohji Yamamoto's hypnotic. somber show also suggested a hidden agenda. There were uncomfortable reminders of the Kobe earthquake as triste models walked through a blood-red velvet curtain in long dark coats, with open seams scarring the arms. Hefty coats in boiled wool were as fiery as molten lava or as black as charred coal.

You could read the submerged sexuality of the film "The Piano" in Victorian crinoline coats, cut away at the back or under the arms revealing the

TT 7 ITHIN this inscrutable drama o dress, were tailored ets and slender knits. But should they have been so shrouded from the audience for the sake of spectacle? And coats with no backs seem a designer indulgence we have seen before.

Martin Margiela, the sober deconstructionist designer, sending out a witty show in a circus tent? And offering incisively cut coats, tailored jackets and a palette of coral and raspberry colors? Could this be for real?

Margiela's return to the runway after several still-life presentations had powerful, wearable clothes from the precise capes to the panne velvet skirts in shades of cyclamen-pink or raspberry sorbet.

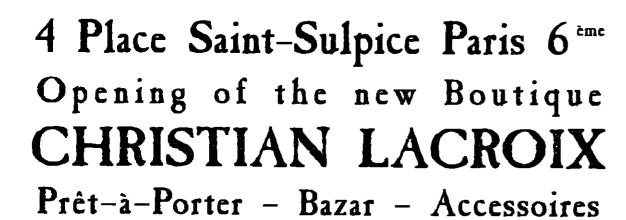
There was just one gimmick: Each model had her head masked in a gauze scarf. It was a neat riposte to the supermodel takeover of the runways and it put the focus where it matters: on great clothes.

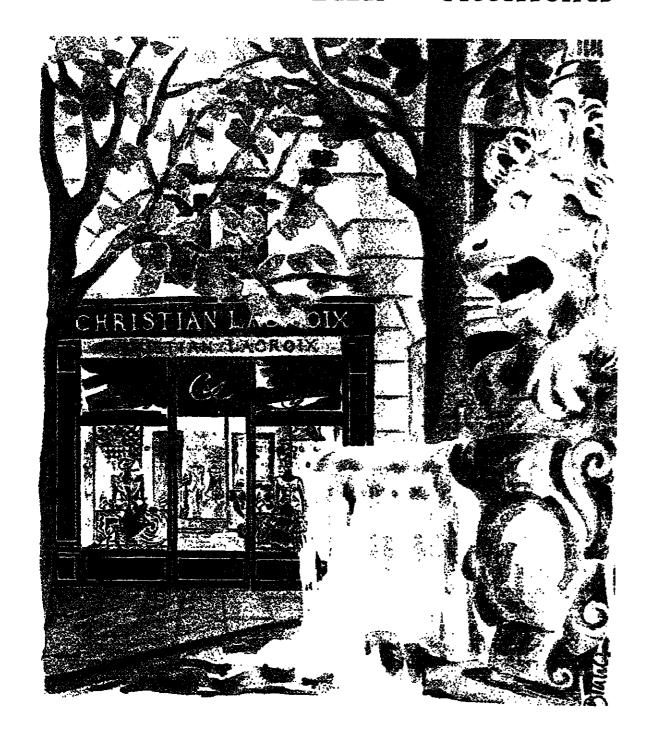
Rifat Ozbek was in cyberspace where cosmonauts in white suits meet Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds. He mixed futuristic and hippie — quilted nylon jackets, printed velvet pants. granny-flower prints on sleek satin jackets, neon sports shorts and black suits sprouting dark green cock feathers.

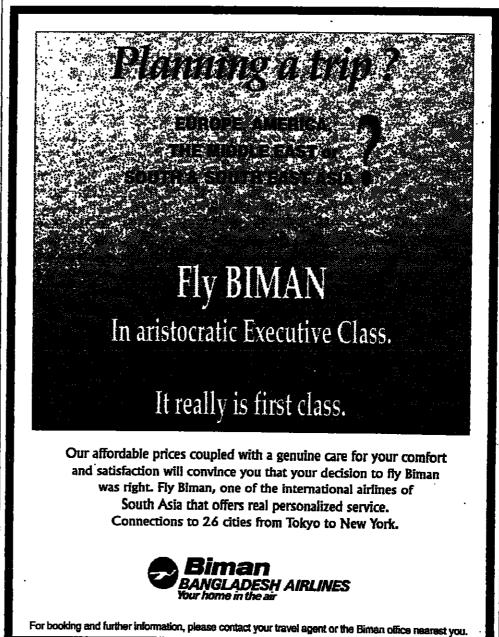
Chaos? Well, that is how clothes are worn on the club scene and the pieces will be sold separately. Ozbek also tempered the wild elements, so contrasting fake-fur sleeves were reduced to a mildly different texture for the sleeves of the jackets he cuts into lean, mean shapes.

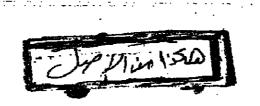
Mariot Chanet offered a simple show, but the designer duo's mix of linear tailoring, fitted to the body and fluid asymmetric dresses in stretch chiffon, do not show up on the runway. Except when they offer a show-stopper. a dress bound at the hips that then slithered down to a train.

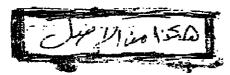
Retailers are divided over hyper-creative shows. Dawn Mello, president of Bergdon Goodman, said she was "frustrated" by Yohji's and Comme's presentations, when she was looking for clothes to buy. But Joyce Ma from Asia said of Yohji: "Isn't that what creativity is supposed to be about?"







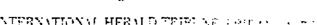






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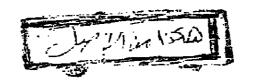
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.S. Passengers Rate the Airlines

By Roger Collis memational Herald Tribune

MERICAN frequent travelers prefer foreign international air-lines to their domestic counter-- parts and rate many single-cabin regional carriers higher than major domestic lines. They believe that the cost of flying has come down since 1990 but want to see improved comfort - wider, roomier seats, more legroom and better air circulation in the cabin.

These are some of the key finding of the These are some of the key finding of the 1995 Zagat Airline Survey of 46 U.S. and foreign carriers (to be published in April as part of Zagat U.S. Hotels, Resorts & Spas Survey, \$19.50). The survey is based on a poll of 9,394 frequent travelers, including 667 travel industry professionals (travel agents, meeting planners, corporate travel managers) conducted last summer by Roper Starch Worldwide Inc. Respondents are mainly middle- and more rincome profesmainly middle- and upper-income professionals and business executives with an average household income of \$135,000 who have flown on six different airlines (four domestic and two international carriers) in

the last two years.

Zagat is published by a husband and wife team — Tim and Nina Zagat — who brought out the first Zagat New York Restaurant Survey in 1979.

"Our main project was this hotel book business lodgings in some 60 markets in the U.S. plus vacation resorts and spas," says Allan Ripp at Zagat in New York.
"But the write-in comments on airlines were so voluminous, so opinionated, that we realized we'd tapped into a vein that had been ignored."

Zagat rates airlines on four criteria (comfort, service, timeliness and food) using a 30-point scale - 26-30: "Extraordinary to Perfection"; 20-25: "Very Good to Excellent"; 10-19: "Good to Very Good," and 0-9: "Poor to Fair." The "Overall Rating" is the average of the individual ratings. And a "Bang for Buck" rating is given for each airline in relation to "per-ceived value." Airlines are ranked as "Domestic" (U.S. airlines flying domestic or international routes) and "International" (foreign airlines). Then both are ranked in a grand overall rating.

Which is pretty boring until you read the entries for each airline, laced with respondents' quotes. "We won't use a quote unless it's a solid reflection of a rating; we won't

just use a witty quote to bury an airline if it's not deserved," Ripp says. "We'll also use conflicting quotes to point out whether a review is mixed or uniform. Your ques-tion becomes very valid in the middle range, with American and Delta, where reviews may read a lot better than their ratings indicate. But look at Aeroflot on the one hand and the high ratings of Swissair, Japan Airlines, and Singapore Airlines — a

high consensus of rave opinions."
Indeed, Singapore Airlines has the highest overall rating of 24.85 ("unequaled service," "solicitous attendants known for

The Frequent Traveler

greeting passengers by name," "should be giving lessons on how to run an airline") followed by Swissair — top-rated European carrier — with 23.9 ("not warm and cuddly" but "first choice" for trans-Atlanic travel with "outstanding food" though "rather expensive") and Cathay Pacific with 23.39 ("crew gives the royal treatment even in coach" with "good legroom").

International airlines took nine of the too 10 output parties.

top 10 overall ratings - four of the top seven being Asian carriers.
Highest rated among U.S. airlines is

Midwest Express — a regional carrier based in Milwaukee — with a score of 23.8, ranking No. 4 overall ("Rolls-Royce of airlines"; "single-class treatment" at "concern rices") Alecha Airlines (20.0) "economy prices"). Alaska Airlines (20.9), the next highest U.S. domestic carrier ("truly fun to fly" with "food you really want to eat"), ranking No. 13, is sandwiched between British Airways ("classy" though some find it "snooty" with "appalling food") and Air France ("Gallic

charm with a bit of indifference").

Japan Airlines (22.96) at No. 5 ("ultimate in service and pampering" with a mate m service and pampering" with a "marvelous business class" and "great noodles and vegetarian food") is followed by Qantas (22.41), which "makes a 15-hour trip to Sydney seem like fun." Virgin Atlantic (21.85) is "enjoyable" and "unique" along with a "rock 'n' roll party spirit" and "relatively cheap" while Lufthansa (21.49) is "on time and in control—the BM of the air."

The major H. S. arrives don't cheap up

The major U. S. airlines don't show up until the middle of the pack, American (18.16) comes in at No. 19 ("good old standby," "treats frequent fliers well" but "declining service," "no legroom" and

food that "stinks"); Delta (18.10) ranks 20th ("business-like and efficient" but "nothing outstanding" although a "gener-ous FFP" and "good scheduling"); fol-lowed by United (17.35) at 22 ("an old standby that does its job"); Northwest (16.37) at 29 ("on the upswing," "trying hard" with a "generous FFF") and TWA (16.31) at 30 (service "has picked up from awful to acceptable" and "vile food" but "occasionally offers great bargain fares" plus the "most perks" for frequent fliers).

Bringing up the rear are Air India (13.07) at 40 ("long delays" and "terrifying planes"), Olympic (13.02) at 42 ("a smoker's delight" and "even the gods have given up"); while Aeroflot (5.99) comes in last at 46 ("this is what they mean by a wing and a prayer," but at least the cabin attendants know how to "subdue raving drunks and repair seats"). drunks and repair seats").

PROBLEM with the survey is that choosing an airline involves far more complex criteria than deciding where to eat: which class you fly, whether you get an upgrade, FFP perks, how full the plane and what happens on the ground make a lot of

difference to the way you view an airline.
Airport hassle is the nightmare.
Part of the nightmare. People didn't complain so much about airports," says Tim Zagat in New York. "What they really complained about was being in a cattle car; the physical side of being on a plane is what bothered people the most — primarily economy class and domestic U. S. travel. When we did this four years ago, the major complaint was delay, and price. And now it's comfort - overwhelmingly. Some airlines are doing better on that and it's showing in their ratings."

Small regional airlines with single-cabin service take six of the 10 top ratings among domestic carriers; with Midwest Express. Alaska Airlines and Kiwi International (flying between Newark, Florida and Puerto Rico) taking the top three places.

"Domestically, that's the interesting thing that comes out of the survey," Zagat says. "The Americans, the Deltas, the Uniteds, are still flying about the same kind of thing, doing it at lower prices and more efficiency, but achieved in part by squeezing more people into the plane. These small airlines are having a major impact, keeping the major domestic carries under

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Carrier/Hotel	Location	Deal
AIR CANADA	Middle East/Eastern Europe	Double mileage for Aeroplan FFP members flying business class with Austrian Airlines from Vienna to Eastern Europe and the Middle East, Until March 31.
AIR INDIA	London to Bombay/ Delhi or New York	Two-for-one in full-tare first or business class; or pay full business fare and get automatic upgrade to first.
AIR NEW ZEALAND	New Zealand	Air pass for three to eight internal flights costs from \$290 to \$747. Must be bought before entering the country.
EL AL	United States to Israel	FFP members making two paid round-trips to Israel within 12 months earn an economy round-trip from Newark to London.
EVA AIR	London to Bangkok/Taipei	Two-for-one in first or business class when you pay full fare. Or an upgrade from full-fare business to first class. Subject to availability. For travel starting by April 8.
HILTON	Shanghai	Single or doubles for \$153 a night. Includes airport transfers and late check-out. Until March 31.
IBIS HOTEL DARLING	Sydney	Introductory rate of 100 Australian dollars (\$75) per night includes breakfast for two plus parking. Until March 31.
INTER-CONTINENTAL/ DELTA AIR LINES	Worldwide	Members of Inter-Continental's Six Continents Club can claim a companion ticket when traveling first, business or full economy with Delta Air Lines between the United States and Europe or Asia. Until April 30.
JAPAN AIRLINES	Japan	JAL introduces APEX fares (purchased two months to 28 days before traveling) for discounts of 25 to 36 percent off normal domestic fares. APEX fares can be used on one-way flights. From May 9. Not available from Aug. 3 to 22.
HOTEL OKURA	Tokyo	Business Plan offers savings of around 20 percent: singles rate of 26,500 yen (\$290) excluding tax and service or an inclusive singles rate of 33,000 yen with taxes, service and Western or Japanese breakfast. Until Sept. 30.
THE MANILA HOTEL	Manila	Suites at 50 percent off published rates. Until Dec. 31.
MIDWEST EXPRESS	United States to Australia	Midwest FFP members can get an economy ticket with partner Air New Zealand to Sydney for 45,000 miles, and a companion ticket for 15,000 miles. For travel between April 1 and July 30.
SAS	Asia	SAS FFP members can now earn points with Qantas and Air New Zealand. Economy tickets earn one point per mile flown; first and business earn double mileage.
SHERATON	Hong Kong	"Tower" rooms for 2,000 Hong Kong dollars single and 2,200 double (\$260 and \$285) a night includes access to private lounge, breakfast, laundry and pressing. Until Aug. 31.
TWA	Britain to United States	Free upgrade when you pay full-fare business or economy class.
UNITED AIRLINES	Worldwide	Mileage Plus members using an American Express card eam double miles (1,000 per stay) at Radisson Hotels. Until April 14.

Although the IHT carefully checks these offers, please be lorewarned that some travel apents may be ungwere of them, or unable to book them

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Palais des Beaux-Arts, tel: (71) 30-15-97, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To May 21: "Flamminghi a Roma, 1508-1608; Artisis from the Low Countries and the Prioripality of Liege in Rome during the Renais-sance." Features the works of the Flemish artists who traveled to Italy in the 16th century.

BRITAM

English National Opera, tel: (71) 836-3161. British premiere of Alfred Schnittle's "Life With an Idiot." Directed by Jonathan Moore, conducted by Richard Armstrong, with Alas-dair Elliott, Louisa Kennedy-Richardson and Quentin Hayes. April 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 20.

1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 20.
National Gallery, tel: (71) 839-1785, open daily. Continuing/To May 21: "Spanish Still Life: From Ve-lesquez to Goya." 70 still lifes painted in Spain from 1746 to 1828.

Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 494-5615, open dally. Continu-ing/To April 9: "Nicolas Poussin" and to May 21: "Odilon Radon: Prince of Dreams."

CANADA

Musée des Be Musée des Beaux-Aris, test. (217) 285-1600, closed Mondays. To May 14: "Modigiant: Dessins de la Collec-tion du Docteur Paul: Alexandre." More than 350 drawings created be-tween 1906 and 1914 by Modigiani were bought by his friend Dr. Paul Alexandre. The exhibition will travel to Modicia and Rouse. France. to Madrid and Rouen, France.

FRANCE

CAMPS

Wallraf-Richartz-Museum, tel:

Hugh Lane Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, tel: (1) 874-1903. closed Mondays, To April 20: "Obra Grafica Contemporanea Anos 90."

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Musée d'Orsay, tel: (1) 40-49-483470-1073, closed Mondays. To (26) 22-39-78, open delly. Contin-

(22) 2-21-23-12, closed Mondays. Continuing/To April 17: "Meister-zeicheungen: Von Leonardo bis zu Rodin." A selection of ministures, drawings and watercolors from the drawings and watercolors from the graphic arts collection of the museum, including works by Raphael, Do-rer, Rembrandt, ingres and others.

Post-1950 Spanish prints by 39 art-ists. Includes works by Antoni Tapies, Joan Pijuan, Carlos Franco and Mi-

Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. To May 15: "Homage to Kertesz, 1894-1985." A collection of 80 works by the photographer.

Gran Teatro La Fenice, tel: (41) 521-01-61. Belimi's "I Puritani," Directed by Lauro Crisman, conducted by Bruno Aprea, with Mariella Devia, Suart Nelli, Giorgio Zancanaro and Carlo Colombara. March 18, 21, 23, 26 and 28.

14, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To April 30: "Whistier, 1834-1903."

April 9: "Posters of Women." More than 100 20th-century posters docu-ment changes in the depiction of women in Japan and the West.

Ling/To May 14: "Egon Schiele: Hulles, Dessins et Aquarelles." Dedi-cated to the work of the Expressionist artist.

NETHERLANDS

The Hague ret Pases, let: (70) 3381-111, closed Mondays. Continuing/To April 23: "Russische Avent-Garde 1900-1930." 40 paintings and 30 works by 40 artists, including Malevich, Chagall, Filonov and Rod-

POLAND

National Museum, tel: (2) 621-10-31, open daily. To May 14: "Waist Sashes from Poland." More than 300 pieces from Polish workshops and factories, as well as asshes produced in Turkey and France for the Polish

PORTUGAL Teatro Nacional de São Carlos, tel: 346-5914. Puccini's "Tosca." Di-rected by Partick Summers, with Anmae Tomowosa-Sintow. March 19.

SWITZERLAND

Geneva

Musée Rath, (22) 310-52-70, closed Mondays. To May 28: "Alexel von Jawiensky, 1864-1941." This exhibition brings together :50 paintings, lithographs and drawings by the Russian-born painter who was a member of the Blaue Vier group. It tocuses on the artist's Swiss period. The exhibition will travel to Potedam. The exhibition will travel to Potsdar

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etropolitan Museum of Art. te Metropolitai museani (212) 570-3791, closed Mondays. Continuing/To May 14: "R. B. Kita; A Retrospective." 100 works by the American artist who lived and worked in London for more than three de-

caces.

Metropolitan Opera, tel: (212) 3626000. A new production of Debussy's
"Pelleas et Melisande." Conducted
by James Levine with Frederica von
Stade, Marilyn Horne and Dwayne Croft. March 23 (premiere), 27. April 1, 4, 8 and 13. **Vachington**

National Museum of American Art, tal: (202) 357.30.95, open daily. To August 20: "The Color of Abstrac-tion." A showcase of the museum's rich holdings of color-field paintings, particularly by Washington-based

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On March 19: "Lewis Baltz." Louisi-ana Museum of Modern Art, Humiebaek, Denmark. On March 19: "Andre Derain, 1880-1954: Le Peintre du Trouble Modeme." Musée d'Art Moderne, Par-

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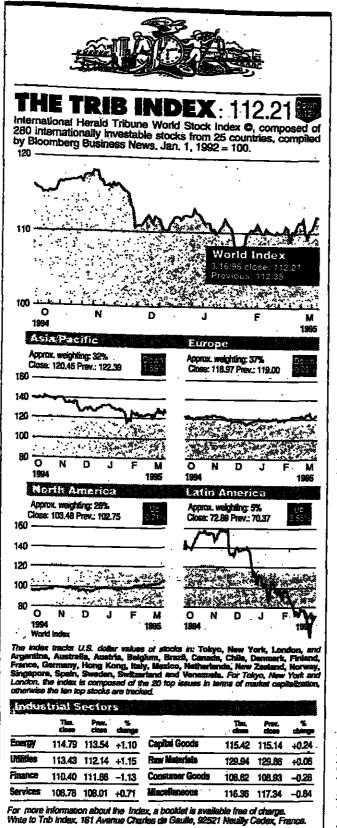
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BUSINESS / FINANCE

Herald Eribune



By Susan Antilla

For \$189 a share, investors could get in

on the ground floor of an operation that

would yield them a minimum of \$60 a

week. It was, as the cyberspace ads

crowed, "an amazing company."
In cyberfraud land, is there any other

It all sounded terrific to more than 20,000 investors, but the U.S. Securities

and Exchange Commission sued Tele-phone Information Systems and affiliat-

ed companies this week, saying that their

come-ons in the computer-network

realm known as cyberspace for an

"American Indian Lottery" were unreg-

istered securities amounting to little more than high-tech pyramid schemes.

Defendants, including Pleasure Time

Inc., which also does business under the

name Telephone Information Systems,

and Group Dynamics Downline wooed

investors by promising increasing profits

in return for signing on ever-more inves-tors. Such "multilevel marketing" with

no underlying product amounted to a "pyramid scheme," the complaint said.

"It's the first time the commission has

brought a case in which most of the offer

and sale of securities took place in cyber-

EW YORK - The slick

pitches that dotted the classi-

fied ads of America Online

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Mexico's Banks Struggle to Survive

By Tod Robberson Washington Past Service

MEXICO CITY - Three months of economic turmoil in Mexico have led to a banking crisis generated by soaring interest rates, billions of dollars in loan defaults and overextension of credit.

Financial analysts say the country is heading into a phase that will pinch its 18 banks from two sides: New customers will be scarce because of loan interest rates exceeding 80 percent a year, while bad debts of existing customers threaten to bring down the entire system. The government already has been forced to scize three mid-sized national banks.

The United States and world financial institutions have set stiff austerity measures - helping produce the skyrocketing interest rates - as part of conditions for loans to keep the country from defaulting on its debt. One of the reasons cited by U.S. officials for President Bill Clinton's swift action on loan guarantees was fear over the fragility of Mexico's banks.

President Emesto Zedillo's govern-ment is making no attempt to hide the scope of the crisis. "There can be a very, very serious problem with the banks if this situation is not addressed immediately," warned Alejandro Valenzuela, a devalued the peso on Dec. 20.

spokesman for the Treasury Ministry.
The scene painted by the Mexican government, bankers and financial analysts is one of severe strain in a banking system that rode to seeming prosperity under President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's program of free-market economic reforms from 1988 through 1994. Mr. Salinas gradually privatizated the banks after their seizure in 1982 during Mexico's last major economic crisis.

This crisis, officials and analysts sav. is a direct result of high spending and loose-credit policies initiated by Mr. Salinas in hopes of stimulating economic growth. As Mr. Salinas promised his country higher-paying jobs and greater employment opportunities under the North American Free Trade Agreement. the banks responded by loosening credit for business, home and auto loans, while making credit cards easily available for purchases of U.S.-made consumer goods that were flooding into the country.

The result of such easy credit has been a massive round of spending — on borrowed money — that finally has shown up on Mexico's international balance. Mexico's dream of prosperity turned into a real-life nightmare when Mr. Zedillo, con-fronted with a mounting national debt and dwindling foreign currency reserves,

The peso has lost about half its value against the dollar since then. The dollar rose to 7.1500 pesos on Thursday after-noon from 6.6350 pesos at the New York close on Wednesday.

The conditions imposed by Mr. Zedillo to try to pull his country out of economic crisis will have the effect of squeezing the banking system even more. To halt inflation and restrict consumer spending, Mr. Zedillo last week authorized measures that will lead to consumer and commercial interest rates of no less than 65 percent, while averaging more realistically around 80 percent annually. Sliding interest rates on credit card debt now exceed 100 percent.

Already, five of the nation's biggest banks estimate that 10 percent of their outstanding loans are past due, while smaller banks are believed to suffer higher rates of nonperforming loans.

Two major banks — Banamex and Serfin - have announced staff cuts of 25 percent to 40 percent. Another bank is buying two 30,000-square-yard (25,000square-meter) lots to hold thousands of automobiles it is repossessing for defaults on auto loans. Financial analysts warn that this is just the beginning, with far worse times looming in the weeks ahead.

ABB to Merge Its Rail Unit With Daimler's

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - Daimler-Benz AG and ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. announced plans Thursday to merge their rail operations, creating what they called the world's biggest rail-

transportation company.

Ownership of the venture, which would intensify competition for major rail projects worldwide, is to be split evenly between the German and Swiss-Swedish companies. The company, to be called ABB Daimler-Benz Transportation, would manage about 50 companies with 22,000 employees in 40 countries. Its order inflow for mens AG and GEC Alsthorn. 1995 is estimated at 8 billion Deutsche marks (\$5.7 billion).

The venture, to be based in Berlin, requires European regulatory approval.

The joint company, by com-bining the strengths of both groups - Daimler-Benz in transportation systems and mechanical engineering and ABB in electrical engineering — will be one of the leaders in the global rail transportation market," Daimler-Benz said. It estimated the new company would hold between 11 percent and 12 percent of the market.

"Both partners expect the joint venture to achieve a level of profitability not possible separately," Daimler added.

Daimler is to pay ABB \$900 million to compensate for the fact that its AEG Bahnsysteme GmbH unit is smaller and less profitable than ABB's rail operation. The AEG unit had 1.5 are available, but it had a loss of 923 million DM.

ABB's rail operations, which had sales of \$2.92 billion in 1994, made a profit of \$140 million after write-offs.

Both Daimler and ABB said the joint venture would be profitable from its start.

Edzard Reuter, chairman of Daimler-Benz, predicted the venture would have an annual turnover of 10 billion DM by the end of the decade.

Neither Daimler nor ABB made any explicit remarks about job cuts, but Mr. Reuter said both companies had a history of making "social y acceptable cutbacks." Industry sources said a "certain restruc-turing" would be inevitable.

Analysts said the merger made sense for both AEG and ABB and would put pressure on their competitors, primarily Sie-

"Short-term, it's an expensive way for Daimler to get out of the mess it's in," said Adrian Brundrett, an automotive and electrical sector analyst at Bank in Liechtenstein, referring to AEG's losses. "But long-term they'll be the premier company in the business together with ABB." Daimler-Benz owns about 80

percent of AEG AG, the parent company of the rail unit. AEG's shares finished a 138 DM Thursday, down 1, while ABB stock in Stockholm closed at 587 kronor (\$81), up 5. Daimler's stock fell 15 DM, to 633.50.

Two years ago, AEG and Siemens backed away from a planned merger of their rail activities after German cartel au-

Kaare Vagner, who heads ABB's transportation division and will be the president and billion DM in sales in 1993, the chief operating officer of the last full year for which figures build on growing demand for rail operations worldwide.

Ernst Georg Stöckl, the chairman of AEG, is to become head of the supervisory board of the joint venture.

Air France Shakes Up Its Class System

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Air France unveiled its recovery plan Wednesday, promising passengers more space, more comfort and Gallic flair in a bid to return to profitability by January 1997.

The airline's president, Christian Blanc, said the carrier would replace its first, club and economy classes with new concepts called Espace and Tempo.

Passengers in Espace class will get unprecedented amounts of leg and elbow room and a quiet, stress-free environment. including seats that fold out into beds on long-haul routes, Mr. Blanc said. Tempo passengers will get "a friendly atmosphere conducive to meeting people." The service will be introduced on short- and mediumhaul flights in Europe this month and on long-haul flights in the autumn.

Blanc said he was not worried about the in the European Court by the British gov-

named in the complaint, called the

charges against his client "groundless,"

and said they reflected "an incomplete investigation" by the SEC.

Only Mr. Hicks has been served with the lawsuit so far, said Robert Berson,

assistant regional director of the SEC's

Chicago office. "We're trying to locate

the others," he said. No other defendant

could be reached in the cities listed in the

Joan McKown, chief counsel for the

SEC's enforcement division in Washing-

ton, said the SEC's market surveillance

department now monitored the financial

bulletin boards of on-line services. She

added that while other cases had been

brought in which on-line services were used to tout financial products, this was

the first she knew of where most of the

advertising for a scam was in cyberspace.

The SEC so far has determined that

more than \$3 million flowed in from investors as Telephone Information and

Group Dynamics Downline made pitch-

selling the lottery idea in Europe, where 5,500 investors have signed on at \$200

Most recently, the operators have been

But not all the principals' operations

were smoke and mirrors, the agency said.

Pleasure Time at one point had the re-deeming feature of offering a real ser-

vice, providing "fantasy calls" to those

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SEC Tackles the On-Line Come-On

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Prospective investors were told that by

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phone wager would go into the lottery

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Mark Maddox, a lawyer for John C.

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space," said Stanley B. Whitten, supervi-Hicks of Princeton, Indiana, who was a

possibility of labor disputes disrupting the new service. He said 6,000 cabin and ground staff had undergone intensive training before the launch, and were fiercely proud of the new product.

Mr. Blanc said he was, too. He said it was the first time since taking over the company that he felt like a normal executive showing off a proper business plan. He became president in the autumn of 1993 after a series of violent strikes forced the government to back away from imposing an austerity package.

Mr. Blanc's own recovery plan calling for job cuts, productivity increases and a wage freeze was approved in a referendum by the airline's 42,000 employees last April.

The European Commission later approved a 20 billion franc (\$4 billion) bailout package for Air France by the French government, which hopes to return the Despite a series of strikes at Air France's carrier to profitability and sell it to the mainly domestic subsidiary, Air Inter, Mr. ernment and several rival airlines, including British Airways.

Air France has not turned a profit since 1989 and will post a loss of 2.7 billion francs for 1994, Mr. Blanc said. That compares with a loss of 7.5 billion francs for 1993. Mr. Blanc conceded that the airline is not yet out of the woods, but he said it was headed in the right direction. The airline is spending about 650 million

francs on equipping its aircraft with new seats and cabin trim, which Mr. Blanc said should pay for itself within one to two years.

The company said it was not raising fares. It will attempt to increase revenue. however, with a computerized yield-management system it bought from American Airlines. The Espace Fare will correspond to the present full economy fare, while Tempo fares will cover a range of promotional offers. The airline also will introduce a service called Tempo Challenge that will allow travelers to use ground

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EU Keeps Funds Under Wraps

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS — A proposal to significantly increase the marketing of investment funds across the European Union has been rejected by member states who feared a loss of regulatory and monetary control, EU officials said Thursday.

The proposal would have extended a EU directive dating from 1985 that allowed crossborder marketing of equity and bond funds to include moneymarket funds, cash funds and feeder funds. It also would have permitted funds to choose foreign depositaries, allowing a French mutual fund to deposit its assets with a British trustee, for example.

The package "would make it easier" to sell funds throughout the 15-state Union, said Steffen Matthias, secretary-general of the European Federation of In-

vestment Funds and Compacount for a third of the 1.04 billion European currency units (\$1.36 billion) of EU fund asup most of the rest, according to federation figures.

But the proposal's complexity proved its undoing.

France and Spain opposed cash funds, which invest in bank deposits, fearing that they might interfere with moneysupply control, officials said.

Many states were wary of feeder funds, which are essentially a marketing tool that allows managers to channel money from different types of investors or from investors in different countries into a single master fund. "We will be very disappointed if that gets lost, said Sheila Nicoll, director of legal affairs at the Unit Trust Association in London.

nies. Money-market funds ac- choose foreign depositaries generated the most opposition, officials and industry specialists said. Many countries worsets at the end of 1993, with ried that foreign depositaries equity and bond funds making would not be able to supervise fund managers properly.

> The proposal, initiated two years ago by the European Com-mission, will be sent back to the executive agency for redrafting following a decision by permanent representatives of EU member states here Wednesday.

Ms. Nicoll urged the commission to come back with a more generic proposal that could be adapted to new types of funds as they arise, such as property funds, rather than to grant freedom to specific types of funds.

Europe Stocks Shoot Upward

LONDON - The London and French stock markets surged Thursday, with the Paris bourse's leading index up 2.7 percent and the principle London index logging its biggest one-day gain in five months.

The CAC-40 Index in Paris was up 47.16 points. to 1,785.76, led by Alcatel Alsthom after the telecommunications and engineering company's chairman defended himself on television against corruption al-

legations. In London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100 Index rose 47.1 points, to a four-week high of 3,094.1.

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Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Auditors. 2. Approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 1994.

3. Ratification of the interim dividend paid on January 12, 1995 and decision not to declare a further dividend. 4. Discharge of the Directors and of the Auditors in respect of the carrying out of their duties for the year ended December 31, 1994.

5. Election of the Directors and of the Auditors. 6. Miscellaneous.

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1. Reports of the Board of Directors and of the Auditors.

2. Approval of the financial statements as of

December 31, 1994.

Decision on allocation of net profits.

4. Discharge of the Directors and of the Auditors in respect of the carrying out of their duties for the year ended December 31, 1994.

5. Election of the Directors and of the Auditors.

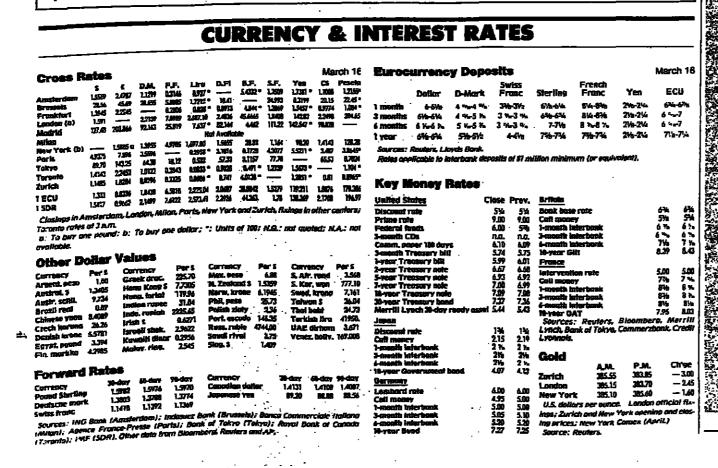
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The Board of Directors



Blue-Chips Score **Record After Data**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks scored a record high after government data indicated the U.S. economy was slowing in a way that would allow corporate earnings to grow while interest rates fall.

A drop in housing starts, a moderate increase in consumer prices and a regional index showing a drop in prices paid by manufacturers combined to en-

U.S. Stocks

courage investors, analysts said. "You're getting a picture of an economy that is slowing, but still brisk, while inflation rises a modest amount but is far from out of control," said John Shaughnessy, director of research at Advest in Hartford,

Moderate economic expansion, low inflation and stable or falling interest rates mean corporate earnings and dividends will continue to grow, Mr. Shaughnessy said. The Dow Jones industrial av-

erage closed up 30.78 points, at 4.069.15, a record, while gaining issues outnumbered losing ones by a 12-to-7 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange. The price of the 30-year Trea-

sury bond slipped 4/32 point, to 103 1/32, taking the yield up to 7.37 percent from 7.36 percent Wednesday. Bond prices were shares on the open market.

but slipped late in the day as investors reassessed the potential for inflation to erode the

value of fixed-income securities. Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts were the most actively traded U.S. issue, slipping ½ to 26 in step with losses in the Mexican stock

market and the peso. Drug stocks were lifted by a study that showed drug prices have risen faster than the rate of inflation. Merck rose 1/2 to 43%.

Technology stocks were strong, with International Business Machines rising 134 to 831/2 after it said it would ship personal computers with its new OS/2 Warp operating system already installed. Compaq Computer rose is to 321/2.

Grand Casinos jumped 31/4 to 18% after it said its first-quarter net earnings would be about double analysts' expectations because of strong revenue at its Coushatta casino in Louisiana and good market share in Bi-loxi, Mississippi.

Paper stocks were lower after Merrill Lynch downgraded its recommendation to above average from buy on nine of them. Weyerhaeuser fell ¼ to 37% and Stone Container feil 1% to 19%. RJR Nabisco fell 1/2 to 51/2. Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts sold its remaining 8 percent stake in RJR to its Borden subsidiary, which is expected to sell the

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

Short-Lived Bond Rally Gives Dollar a Reprieve

Compiled by Our Staff Fram Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar rose against major currencies after a rally in U.S. bonds for part of the day sparked demand

Deutsche marks, up from an intraday low of 1.3791 DM, and

Foreign Exchange

up from 1.3895 DM on Wednesday. The U.S. unit closed at 90.20 yen, up from 89.50 yen.

The bonds were just flying high and the dollar went along with them," said Joe Francomano, a trader at Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank in New York.

But the Treasury bonds turned around late in the day as U.S. inflation worries sapped their strength.

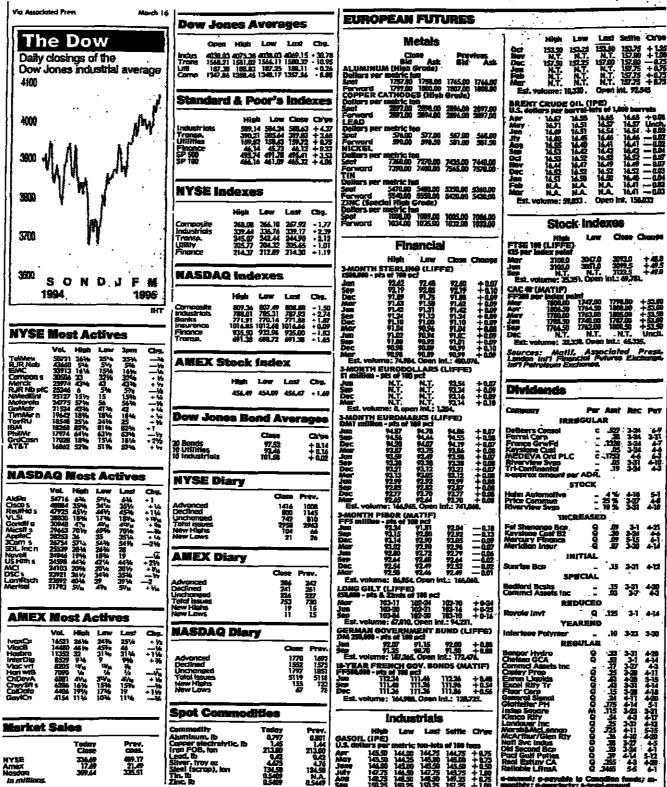
The early bond rally lifted

the dollar from its low point reached after the Bundesbank's policy council decided to leave interest rates steady. Speculation had grown that the German central bank would trim The dollar closed at 1.3955 rates, particularly after Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer said in a published interview that the strength of the mark might allow the bank to cut

> The Bundesbank decision to leave rates unchanged persuaded investors that central banks in the United States, Japan and Germany were not coordinating monetary policy to help the dollar, which has plunged 10 percent against the mark this year.

Traders said the dollar had also been supported by a flurry of speculation that the Federal Reserve Board was buying the

(Bloomberg, Reuters)



STRATEGY: Air France Hopes To Woo Passengers With Gallic Flair

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facilities reserved for business travelers while traveling in the back of the plane. Mr. Blanc said market analysis showed that rival carriers considered first class to be the standard, with club and economy classes seen as inferior and more inferior.

"This is not the way most people think," he said, using the example of mass-market and upscale furniture stores: "They go to IKEA to buy a certain kind of furniture and to Roche Bobois to buy another. But the fact you don't have a lot of money does

be any less than perfect."

In the same way, he said, Air France would offer two distinct products, provid-ingdifferent benefits and striving for per-fection in their respective price ranges. Mr. Blanc said he wanted to see an airline that combined the efficiency of its rivals in northern Europe with France's Latin flair

He said that Air France would adopt a policy of not upgrading passengers from Tempo to Espace class, because many pas-

not mean to say the product you buy has to sengers felt they had been cheated after paying top prices for first-class tickets only to find the cabin full of passengers who

had paid less. Mr. Blanc — formerly the head of the Paris Metro subway system, which abolished the distinction between first and second class in the 1980s - added that he had never traveled first class on Air France since joining the company. Puffing a cigar, he said all flights under two hours would be entirely non-smoking, while smoking would be allowed only at special bars on long-hanl flights.

U.S. / AT THE CLOSE

U.S. Prices Up as Housing Starts Fall WASHINGTON (AP) - Consumer prices rose in February

while housing starts fell, the government reported Thursday.

The Labor Department reported that consumer prices climbed
0.3 percent in February as rising costs for food offset the first drop

in gasoline prices in four months.

The increase in its consumer price index matched the January rise and left prices climbing at an annual race of 3.7 percent so far this year. Prices rose 2.7 percent in all of 1994.

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U.S. Shoe Spurns Offer and Sells Unit

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — U.S. Shoe spurned an unsolicited takeover bid from the Italian cyewear maker Lincottica Group SpA and instead said Thursday that it had sold its footwear operations to Nine West Group Inc. for \$600 million. "We remain convinced that U.S. Shoe's businesses are worth more than Luxottica has offered," the company's president and chief groups in Parame B. Hudden said. chief executive, Bannus B. Hudson, said. U.S. Shoe shares closed up \$1, at \$25.75.

Govett Abandons Duff & Phelps Deal

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — Govert & Co.'s agreement to acquire Duff & Phelps Corp. collapsed after a 27 percent decline in the British mutual fund manager's stock in the last five weeks reduced the value of the transaction.

"The drop in Govett's stock made the merger no longer financially feasible to Duff & Phelps shareholders," said Francis E. Jeffries, chairman of Duff & Phelps, a Chicago money manager.

The slump came after a lawsuit was filed by an investment fund alleging that Govett and its chairman, Arthur Trueger, caused the fund to lose as much as \$20 million. The suit was filed Feb. 9. two weeks after Govett said it would buy Duff & Pheips.
In London, Govett shares jumped 16 pence, to close at 280 pence.

Steelmaker Raises Sheet Metal Price

NEW YORK (NYT) - The newly prosperous American basicsteel industry appears on its way to even more prosperity by raising prices for the second time this year on the sheet products that go into a broad variety of consumer and industrial products. A spokesman for the largest domestic steelmaker, the USX-U.S. Steel Group, said Wednesday that the company had notified its customers that it planned to raise prices by an average of 3.5 percent effective July 2.

HP Rules Out Bid for Packard Bell

PALO ALTO, California (Bloomberg) — The chairman of Hewlett-Packard Inc., Lewis Platt, said the electronies maker might acquire other companies, but not Packard Bell Electronics

"We're not on the acquisition war path," he said, "but we're certainly not against making an acquisition that might make sense."

But Mr. Platt squelched speculation circulating among Wall

Street analysts that Hewiett-Packard, the second-largest U.S. computer-maker, might buy the privately held Packard Bell to strengthen its push into the home computer market. "I can honestly say we're not talking to them," he said. "I don't even know where the Packard Bell thing got started."

Airline Losses Put at \$100 Million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. airline industry posted a cumulative \$100 million loss for 1994, the Air Transport Association estimated Thursday, based on preliminary figures compiled-

from airline year-end reports.

The loss brings the airlines total red ink to \$13 billion over the last five years, the association said.

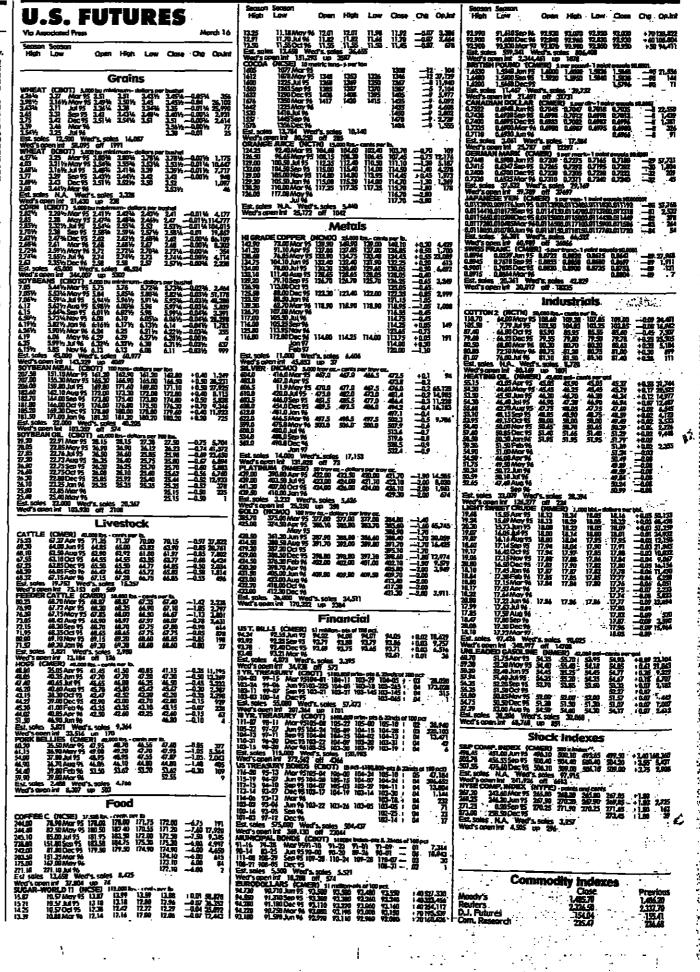
For the Record

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The French drug maker Roussel Uclaf SA said Thursday that it plans to acquire the Latin American pharmaceutical operations of Dow Chemical Co. for \$200 million. (AP-DJ)

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches in Britain by building a second auto factory there, the company said Wednesday, alleviating the impact of the strong yea on its

Japan's largest automaker said it would spend £200 million (\$320 million) on the new plant, which will be built adjacent to an existing plant at Burnaston in Derbyshire.

gin producing a Corolla model in the autumn of 1998, along with the Carina E series currently being produced at the old Burnaston plant. The new plant will eventually bring Toyota's British production to 200,000 cars a year, double the current output.

Alan Marsh, vice chairman of Toyota Motor Europe, said the tory would be redesigned to "re-flect European tastes and European requirements." Toyota has been exporting a variant of the Corolla to Europe for 30 years.

Like many of Japan's exporters. Toyota faces the prospect of the strong yen cutting into profit. Toyota sells about 35 percent of its output outside Japan, and a strong yen crodes overseas revenue when it is re-

The yen has risen more than 10 percent against the dollar

this year.

ing made in Europe." By increasing local produc-tion, Toyota reduces its dependence on exports and its exposure to the risk of falling income because of exchange-rate fluc-

ciated Press reported from To-

suspension of payments to credi-

(AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

BMW said at the end of January that 1994 sales, including

Rover, increased 45 percent, to 42.1 billion DM. Without

Rover, sales rose 10 percent, to 32 billion DM.

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A Conservative Aggressor ING's Barings Deal Is Big but Sensible

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON -- It was audacious but not out of character for Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV of the Netherlands to plunk down more than \$1 billion earlier this month for the corporate remains of Barings PLC, the bank-

rupt British banking company. ING has proven aggressive and willing to take risks as it has grown into one of Europe's largest banking and insurance companies and become one of the quickest to expand into emerging markets in Asia and Latin America.

Indeed, the biggest question mark hanging over ING may not be Barings at all, but the effects of the Mexican peso crisis on its emerging-market bond trading business and its other Third World operations.

ING was hit hard in the first half of last

ING executives recently said they were sticking by their prediction that full-year 1994

Investors are clearly wary, however, of stocks with heavy exposure to Latin America. Shares in Bankers Trust New York Corp. plunged 16 percent on Monday, following the company's disclosure three days before that it expected to lose \$125 million in the first quarter due partially to problems with its Latin American securities portfolio.

"ING deserves a better rating than it's got," said Ton Gietman, an analyst at James Capel

High Low Stock

& Co. in Amsterdam. "Unfortunately, recent news items do not really help the stock." But despite Latin American exposure and lingering questions about the Barings deal, many analysts say that ING, whose profits have typically been split pretty evenly between its banking and insurance units, remains an attractive long-term investment.

"It's generally a very conservatively run company which happens to be relatively aggressive on its banking side," said Robin Mitra, an analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co. in London. "It goes into areas when other people are exiting. It's made a lot of money in

Spending more than \$1 billion to purchase and recapitalize Barings hardly put any strain on ING.

emerging markets and I have every expectation that it will continue to do so.

It is a measure of ING's size that it could manage the Barings acquisition without outside financing. Indeed, spending more than \$1 billion to purchase and recapitalize Barings' corporate finance, asset-management and securities businesses hardly put any strain at all on ING, which had \$2.5 billion in

cash available for acquisitions and expansion. The Barings acquisition also fits neatly into its strategy of expanding in asset management, corporate finance and securities. Barings' focus on emerging-market trading meshes perfectly with its own, especially since ING's strength is in debt trading and Barings'

primarily in stocks. The price ING paid for Barings was "fair to slightly full," said Mr. Mitra of Merrill Lynch. "Having said that, they couldn't have gotten these businesses any cheaper," Mr. Mitra said.

Hoogovens Returns To Profit

BEWERWIJK, Netherlands
- Hoogovens NV reported better-than-expected 1994 earnings on Thursday as rising demand. increased selling prices and re-duced costs propelled income at its steel and aluminum divisions.

The Netherlands' only steelmaker, which reported losses for three consecutive years, said that net earnings last year rose to 354 million guilders (\$226.3 million), compared with a losses of 234 million guilders in 1993 and 595 million guilders in 1992.

Hoogovens said it would resume its dividends with a payment of 2 guilders per share. It last paid a dividend in 1991.

Hoogovens shares initially traded higher on the news, but ended Thursday with a decline as investors cashed in on three days of rising prices. At the end of the Amsterdam session, the stock was down i guilder, at 69.30, but up from its close of 65.70 at the end of last week.

Operating income, excluding financial costs, rose more than 14 times, to 597 million guilders from the 41 million a year earlier. Sales rose 10 percent, to 7.93 billion guilders. The steel division posted a

1994 profit of 438 million guilders, up from a profit of 5 million the year before. The aluminum division had a

1994 net loss of 35 million guilders, narrowed from a loss the year earlier of 265 million guil-

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The assets sold by Crédit Ly-

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(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Very briefly:

Sources: Reuters, AFP

Mo och Domsjö AB, the Swedish forestry concern known as MoDo, posted 1994 pretax profit of 1.83 billion kronor (\$252.2 million), compared with a loss of 449 million kroner in 1993.

 Royal Ahold NV, the Dutch retailer, said its fourth-quarter net profit rose 17 percent, to 114.1 million guilders (\$73.1 million), due to better results at its U.S. stores and greater efficiency in its Netherlands operations.

• Royal KNP BT NV, the Dutch paper and office-products maker, reported 1994 profit of 325 million guilders, compared with a net loss of 343 million guilders in 1993.

Saatchi and Saatchi Co., the advertising holding company thrown into turmoil when the brothers Maurice and Charles Saatchi left earlier this year, changed its name to Cordiant PLC. • Allianz AG Holding, Germany's largest insurer, said it was no

longer interested in making a bid for Austria's second-largest bank, Creditanstalt-Bankverein. • Trafalgar House PLC must drop its recent bid for the British utility Northern Electric PLC because it came within a year of a previous unsuccessful bid, said Britain's Takeover Panel.

• Pengeot Automobiles SA of France said it would invest \$30 million in a new car factory in Vietnam.

• Swissair, Switzerland's national airline, would get equal rights with European Union carriers if it bought majority control of any airline in the union, said the EU's executive commission.

Competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert. The spokes- Murdoch Names U.K. Chief

LONDON - News International PLC, the British arm of

has named Bill O'Neill as its continued their slow crawl up chief executive, succeeding Aufrom the five-year low they hit gust Fischer who has resigned. Mr. O'Neill, 58, is a former executive at the New York Post, a tabloid newspaper also run by

Mr. Murdoch. News International did not say Thursday why Mr. Fischer was leaving the company. But

newspapers in Britain led to his departure and that Mr. O'Neill's history as a tough labor negotia-Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., tor led to his appointment. Mr. O'Neill figured heavily

in 1981 negotiations with labor unions when Mr. Murdoch ught Times Newspapers Ltd. in London. More recently, he was in charge of discussions with unions when Mr. Murdoch re-acquired the Post in 1993.

was leaving the company. But analysts said controversy about Mr. Fischer, 56, joined News International in 1989 as general

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L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ORDINAIRE DES ACTIONNAIRES

qui se tiendra au siège social à Laxembourg le 31 Mars 1995 à 15 heures, avec l'ordre du jour suivant:

ORDRE DU JOUR

1. Rapport de gestion du Conseil d'Administration;

2. Rapport du Réviseur d'Entreprises; Adoption des comptes de l'exercice au

21 décembre 1994;

Affectation du résultat de l'exercice; Décharge aux administrateurs et au Réviseur

d'Entreprises;

Nomination des organes sociaux;
• Réélection des administrateurs sortants;

Examen des nouvelles candidatures proposées par le Consell d'Administration: Réélection du Réviseur d'Entreprises;

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. Climbing Yen Speeds Toyota's Overseas Push

TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. will double its production

The new plant will create about 1,000 jobs and should be-

Corolla produced at the new fac-

One of the major problems facing all Japanese producers is the appreciation of the yen,"
Mr. Marsh said. "My guess
would be that these cars will be more efficiently produced and less expensive as a result of be-

(Bloomberg, AFX, AP)

■ Suzuki Abandons Santana Suzuki Motor Corp. said Thursday it had agreed to hand over its 83.75 percent share in the Spanish automaker Santana Motor SA to the regional government of Andalusia, the Asso-

Suzuki's decision to relinquish the Santana stake came after a prolonged struggle to turn around the troubled Spanish subsidiary. Saddled by high la-bor costs and sluggish auto sales in Europe, Santana had posted accumulated losses of 21.00 billion pesetas (\$163 million) between 1991 and 1993 and filed a

year by plunging values in its Latin American debt portfolio. Prices bounced back in the third quarter of 1994, helping to restore its trading operation to profitability. But analysts have said that the economic turmoil in Mexico, which broke out at the very end of last year and spread to other emerging financial markets as well, is likely to have some negative effect on full-year 1994 earnings and to put a crimp on 1995 results.

results would exceed 1993 earnings of 8.04 Dutch guilders (\$5.15) per share, but they would not be more specific.

Paris to Unveil Crédit Lyonnais Rescue Analysts said those assets. mostly loans, could be worth as much as 130 billion francs (\$26

Thursday that the government "must save" Credit Lyonnais, Mr. Balladur is to provide full details of the plan on Fribut his plan, which includes asday afternoon. surances that taxpayers will not foot the bill, has drawn the wrath of the bank's competitors. are already angry about a sec-Calling the bank's problems bank in a year. A year ago,

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Crédit Lyonnais' competitors ond dose of state aid for the an unhappy affair because it Credit Lyonnais got an injechurts the reputation of our tion of 4.9 billion francs in cash country's economy," Mr. Balla-dur pronounced it "necessary" loans taken off its books. The loans taken off its books. The that the state back the value of state gnaranteed 18.4 billion francs of that total.

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ropean Commission containing his "observations" on the idea of the bailout Banque Bruxelles Lambert SA. Belgium's second-largest bank, has criticized the commission for not having taken action on Crédit Lyonnais earlier. Daniel Cardon de Lichtbuer. Banque Bruxelles Lambert chairman, has said the bank

Marc Vienot, chairman of the

rival bank Société Générale,

filed a memorandum to the Eu-

The European Commission has promised to scrutinize the Crédit Lyonnais bailout package, but rival banks in the French retail market, corporate lending and international mar- to 426 francs. kets fear the commission will let

nized by the commission, according to a spokesman for Competition Commissioner man, Willy Helin, said the commission had yet to approve the bank's plan. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP) would consider filing a com-plaint with the commission.

■ Alcatel Rejects Charges Alcatel Alsthom SA shares irman Pierre Suard was put under formal investigation last Friday, Bloomberg Business News reported from Paris. The company's share price rose 19.30 francs on Thursday,

Breaking his long silence on

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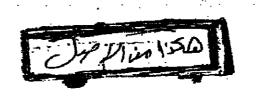
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LONDON — Dairy Farm companies, will invest \$21 mil-International Holdings Ltd. lion cash in the venture. Seiyu said Thursday that it would enter the Japanese supermarket the remaining \$65 million is to business in a joint venture with be borrowed from banks.

will be 60 percent held by the Hong Kong-based food company and 40 percent by Seivi.
The companies plan to devel-

op a chain of 70 discount food stores over the next five years. "The Japanese market repre-

sents a significant opportunity for Dairy Farm," Managing Director Graeme Scabrook said. "We view this as a long-term investment and potentially the largest and most exciting business opportunity for Dairy Farm in the Pacific Rim."

Dairy Farm prepares, distributes and sells food, and Seiyu owns Japan's fourth-largest supermarket chain. They hope to cash in on a new price consciousness among Japanese

"Japan is moving away from the expensive, 'yuppie' markets and into plain old cheap," said Kent Chan, an analyst at Salomon Brothers Inc. in Hong Kong. "Dairy Farm needs some other source of earnings growth, and this is a step in the right direction.

The Hong Kong company, whose parent is Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd., part of the

will contribute \$14 million, and

"The recent difficult eco-The \$100 million joint ven-ture, to be called DFI Seiyu Ltd., nomic climate in Japan has cre-ated growing consumer demand for value," the chief executive of Dairy Farm, Chris Nelson,

> Dairy Farm said it did not expect start-up losses from the venture to have a significant effect on the company's overall

> Dairy Farm is the largest food retailer in Asia outside of Japan. The joint venture not only gives it access to that market, but it also parries investors who had questioned its sagging short-term growth prospects.

The company owns fast-food and convenience store chains in Hong Kong and various kinds of retail food stores throughout southern China, Singapore, Taiwan and Malaysia. It has been examining expansion in Thailand and Indonesia.

Mr. Seabrook has urged that investors consider the company's long-term prospects, and the Japanese venture should help his argument. Dairy Farm's earnings base currently depends heavily on mature markets where competition is increasingly fierce.

APEC's Crisis of (No) Consensus Lack of Leadership Is Jeopardizing Free-Trade Plans

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SYDNEY --- Barely four months after Asian and Pacific leaders endorsed a plan for free and open trade in the region by 2020, their officials are having difficulty reaching consensus on how to liberalize import barriers and whether to extend the benefits to the European Union without demanding reciprocal concessions.

Recently, Western and Asian officials have warned that the credibility of APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, would be impaired if the group failed to agree on a detailed blueprint for trade liberalization in time for its annual meeting in Japan in November.

The officials are concerned that Japan - preoccupied with its own pressing political and economic problems and mwilling to risk offending APEC members that hold divergent views — will fail to show the strong leadership needed to advance regional deregulation.

Tokyo is anxious to play a bridging role between those APEC members such as Australia, the United States and Canada that want to set a firm timetable for deregulation and those members such as China, Malaysia and Thailand that want a flexible approach so they will not be forced to into making politically sensitive tariff cuts before their industries are ready to face foreign competition.

"It will be crucial for APEC's future that the bold commitment APEC leaders made in Bogor is followed up with meaningful steps and some tangible outcomes, said Gareth Evans, Australia's foreign minister. "To achieve this, we need real leadership to drive the process forward."

APEC leaders, whose economies account for half of world output, signed a declaration in Bogor, Indonesia, in November to remove barriers to trade and investment by 2020 in order to speed up regional growth and hasten global liberalization.

The Bogor accord did not, however, define how the goal of free-and-open trade was to be achieved. Nor was there agreement on whether cuts in tariffs and other import barriers should be extended to nonmember nations.

APEC members include Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mex-ico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea,

The group's broad accord last year now requires a program to

the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea. Taiwan, Thailand and the United States. Analysts said that, following talks among APEC officials in Fukuoka. Japan, last month that showed substantial divergences among members, a second meeting in Singapore next month would be critical in trying to get the group on an

A U.S. official said the Singapore meeting would have to start focusing on a program to flesh out the broad political ement reached in Bogor.

In Sydney earlier this week, Roy Mac-Laren, Canada's minister for international trade, said APEC should not extend free-trade benefits to third parties unless they made reciprocal concessions. He said he doubted that the either the United States or Japan would wish to offer "a free ride to the Europeans."

Bob McMullan, Australia's trade minister, said the preferred approach of the Australian government was to extend the benefits of trade-and-investment liberalization within APEC to all countries

But he said that a number of APEC members wanted to use the combined strength of the group as leverage to get other trade blocs to liberalize, and that Australia would be prepared to consider such an option.

There is also a growing body of expert opinion that preferential trade agreements can have wider positive effect," Mr. McMullan said.

Goh Chok Tong, Singapore's prime minister, told an international business conference in Singapore last week that APEC had not decided whether to make its tariff cuts preferential or extend them to nonmembers on a unilateral basis. Either way, he argued, open regionalism would work in favor of lower trade barriers globally.

However, Mr. Goh said that the key would be the pace of liberalization adopted by APEC.

"The faster the implementation of APEC members' commitments under the Uruguay Round, and the further that they take their targets for liberalization beyond the Uruguay Round agree-ments," he said, "the greater will be the incentive for other regions to do the same." He was referring to the trade talks begun in Uruguay and finished last year under the auspicies of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The Bogor declaration did not say whether the target dates set for achieving free and open trade in APEC were binding. It said developed economies were to achieve this objective by 2010 and all other members by 2020.

Sandra Kristoff, the coordinator for

APEC at the U.S. State Department, said the group was at a crossroads and suffering from "a little bit of trade fatigue" following the conclusion of multilateral trade negotiations under the Uruguay Round.

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• India plans to accelerate its privatization program in the next year. The government projected a 33 percent rise in receipts from

• Doksan Business Group is being investigated by South Korean prosecutors on suspicion of staging its bankruptcy to hide misappropriated funds.

· South Korean auto exports in the first two months of 1995 surged by 62 percent from the year-ago figure, the Korea Automo-bile Manufacturers Association said. Bank of China's Shanghai branch posted a profit of 1.71 billion

yuan (\$203 million) last year, up 106 percent from 1993, helped by an increase in business from overseas, the Liberation Daily Eastern Airlines of China has ordered five new passenger planes from Airbus Industrie, the Xinhua news agency reported; it did

not put a value on the deal. China will not open a third stock exchange this year because the government is focusing its efforts on controlling inflation, the director of the China Securities Regulatory Commission said.

• New Zealand's central bank will not ease interest rates in the near term because of the risk of inflation, its governor said. The Philippine banking sector will have a tough time with liberalization and modernization because of its dependence on

foreign capital, Moody's Investors Service Inc. said. Japan's industrial production in January fell a revised 1.5 percent from the previous month, up from a preliminary 1.4 percent drop.

January production was up 4.8 percent from a year earlier. Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. said Thursday it would market

a new broadcast digital video system starting late this year using 6.35 millimeter (0.254 inch) wide compact tape.

• Japan Ship Exporters Association said export ship-building orders in February rose 237 percent from a year earlier, to 852,800 gross tons.

In Blow to Murdoch, Satellite Launch Postponed for 2d Time that the postponements must be

HONG KONG - In a blow to Rupert Murdoch's STAR-TV network, Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co. said Thursday that the launch of its AsiaSat 2 satellite had been postponed for a second time, to August at the earliest.

STAR-TV, the regional satelbroadcasts from AsiaSat 1.

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editor for Multichannel News, a publication focused on cable means their pay-TV revenue

The postponement was due to ince. Asia Satellite is to use the investigations into two mishaps, same type of rocket — the Chithe first involving a satellite lite broadcaster controlled by the same Series 7000 version propel AsiaSat 2 into orbit. Mr. Murdoch's News Corp., in-built by Martin Marietta Corp. Mr. Murdocal's riews corp. are bount by Martin Manieua corp. tends to transmit as many as 32 that Asia Satellite plans to use channels of digital television for AsiaSat 2 - owned by from AsiaSat 2 in addition to the AT&T Corp. After a successful seven analogue channels it now launch last September, AT&T

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"If the investigation finds that there was a failure of the launch vehicle. AsiaSat 2 could be delayed for another half She said the results of anin-

quiry into the Apstar-2 explosion by Hughes and China Great Wall Industry Corp., the launching company involved, were expected in the next two to three months. A STAR spokesman, mean-

while, said the company's top priority was to make sure the AsiaSat 2 launch was successful even if that meant delays.

Mr. Twiston-Davies added

causing Mr. Murdoch to "grind his teeth." Star has been losing about \$20 million a year, according to the most recent figures released by News Corp.

The Apstar-2 failure also damaged the hopes of many of STAR TV's competitors who had booked space on it. Many have since turned to other satellites, particularly to Indonesia's Palapa-C, scheduled for launch toward the end of this year.

■ STAR Radio to Debut STAR Radio, Rupert Mur-

vice, will begin broadcasting on March 30, Reuters reported Thursday from Hong Kong.

A sister of the pan-Asian broadcaster STAR-TV, STAR Radio will begin its broadcasts using the AsiaSat 1 satellite, said Mike Mackay, STAR Radio's general manager

STAR radio will offer broadcasts in Mandarin Chinese in Northern Asia and broadcasts in English over Southern Asia and the Middle East.

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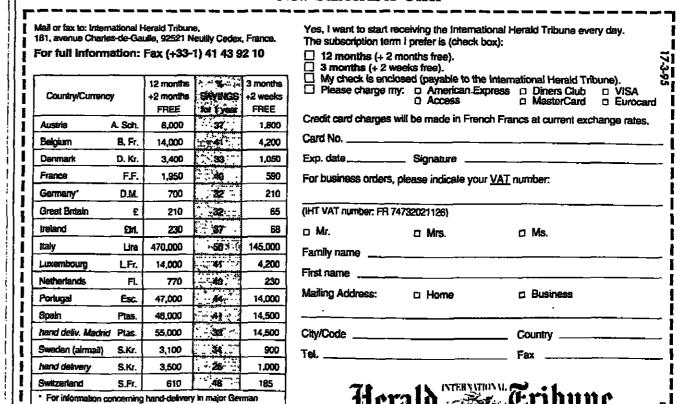
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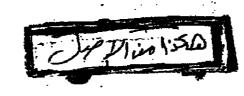












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UConn Romps in Opener, Arizona, Oklahoma Upset

Connecticut, bigger and better at every position, opened with a torrid 15-0 run against Tennessee-Chattanooga, turned up the pressure even letic Conference tournament 21 points as No. 13 Virginia more to build a 25-point lead champion, missed 10 of its first before halftime, and romped to 12 shots. a 100-71 victory Thursday in the NCAA Western Regionals in Salt Lake City.

Ranked No. 1 a month ago before dropping to No. 8, the Huskies put on a display of the power and speed that carried them to a 15-0 mark at the start ing inside and Childress, who had six assists, making his first water Forest led by

Donny Marshall scored 22 points and Ray Allen added 18 35-17 at haiftime. to lead Connecticut, which held the Moccasins scoreless for the Devin Davis scored 24 points first 4:45 of the game. Maurio Hanson, who finished with 28 points, and Brandon Born, who wound up with 23, scored all but two of Tennessee-Chattanooga's points in the first half.

Connecticut looked impressive inside and from 3-point range. Seven-footer Travis Knight clogged up the middle, grabbing 13 rebounds and keeping the Moccasins from driving to the basket.

Wake Forest 79, North Carolina A&T 47: Tim Duncan

scored 21 points and Randolph Childress had 15 as top-seeded Wake Forest cruised through the opening round of the East Regional in Baltimore. The third-ranked Demon

Deacons won their 11th straight ly. game by holding the 16th-seeded Aggies to 30 percent shoot-ing, 22 percent in the first half, first round three times in the Wake Forest, one of four past four years. Damon Stouda-

Coast Conference regular-sea- scoring a subpar 18 points on 6-son title and its tournament of-18 shooting. champion, was up 16-5 after eight minutes as North Carolina A&T, the Mid-Eastern Ath-

With Duncan, who finished with 12 rebounds and was 8for-12 from the field, dominat-

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four shots, Wake Forest led by

Miami, Ohio 71, Arizona 62: against Arizona's weakened front line as Miami of Ohio built a double-digit lead and held on for the upset in the Midwest Regional in Dayton. Ohio.

Miami, located less than an hour's drive away, fed off the home crowd for its first NCAA tournament victory since 1978. The Redskins had lost their last four first-round games.

Arizona cut a 10-point deficit to 2 in the final minute, but Davis sank a basket and three free throws in the final 29 sec-onds. The 6-7 forward had a season-high 15 rebounds against Arizona's front line, which got into foul trouble ear-

The Wildcats, a Final Four team last year, have lost in the teams to tie for the Atlantic mire, their All-America guard,

No. 13 Virginia 96, Nicholls St. 72: Harold Deane recovered from a rocky first half to score won in the Midwest Regional

Deane, who scored 15 second-half points, made 12-of-15 free throws. Three teammates joined him in double figures: Junior Burrough with 16 points, Curtis Staples with 15 and Norman Nolan with 11.

Manbattan 77, Oklahoma 67: Reserve Jeronimo Bucero scored all 14 of his points in the second half as Manhattan pulled off an upset in the Southeast Regional in Memphis, Ten-

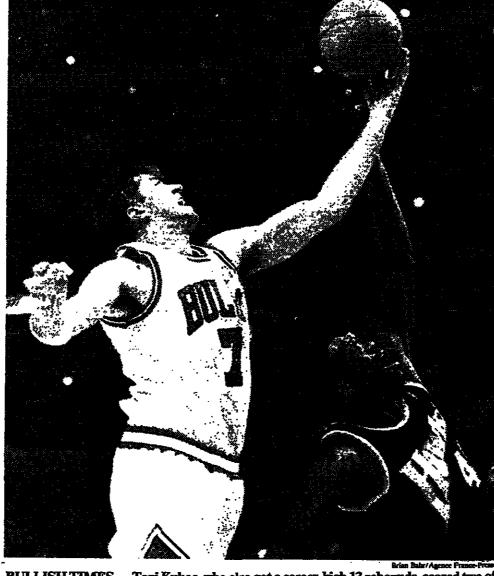
Bucero led a strong bench effort for the 13th-seeded Jaspers, who were criticized after receiving an at-large berth out of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Ryan Minor, the Big Eight player of the year, scored 24 for Oklahoma, but went about 18 minutes without a field goal. Arizona St. 81, Ball St. 66:

Ron Riley scored 24 points and Mario Bennett 21 as Arizona State won in Memphis, keeping its coach, Bill Frieder, undefeated in the NCAA tournament's first round.

Frieder is 6-0 in a career that included four NCAA trips with Michigan

Ball State, seeded 12th, fell behind early as the Cardinals missed six of their first eight shots and turned the ball over seven times in the first eight



BULLISH TIMES — Toni Kukoc, who also got a career-high 13 rebounds, scored two of his 18 points over the Hawks' Grant Long as the Bulls won for the eighth time in their last nine home games. Pete Myers, who replaced Michael Jordan last season and is most likely to be replaced if Jordan returns to the Bulls, scored a season-high 14 points. As for Jordan, he was to practice again Thursday with the Bulls, but the question of whether he is returning to play remained unanswered. "We don't know what Michael is going to do," said guard B.J. Armstrong. "He probably doesn't even know what he's going to do."

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Iowa Beats DePaul In NIT First Round

tional Invitation Tournament a basket in the stretch.

In a game played in Moline, point deficit with 14 minutes left Illinois, the Hawkeyes defeated at home. Constantin Popa, Minutes 12 and 12 and 14 and 15 and DePaul, 96-87, Wednesday ami's 7-foot-3-inch (2.2-meter) night in the first round of the

NIT before 10,678 fans. seen such an unbelievable show of support," said the Hawkeyes' coach, Tom Davis.

The game was moved across from the Big East as Craig Wise the Mississippi River, about 65 got 28 points. Adrian Griffin miles (about 100 kilometers) scored 24 for Seton Hall. from the Iowa campus, because Carver-Hawkeye Arena was booked with the NCAA wrestling championships.

lowa won m its first post-season NIT appearance as Chris Kingsbury scored 19 points.

New Mexico State 97, Colorado 83: The visiting Aggies began the game with a 15-0 run and never trailed. Rodney Walker scored 28 points for New Mexico State and Mack Tuck had 28 for Colorado.

Coppin State 75, St. Joseph's 68: Keith Carmichael made two 3-pointers for the visiting Eagles in overtime after St. Joe's lost an eight-point lead in the last 5½ minutes of regulation. The game began more than an hour late because Coppin

State's Mario McGriff shattered a backboard while dunking during warm-ups.

Marquette 83, Anburn 71: Aaron Hutchins, a freshman re-serve guard averaging only 3.4 points, scored a career-high 20

for Marquette while host Au-No matter that it was the Na-burn went nine minutes without

instead of the NCAA, the crowd went crazy for Iowa.

Penn State 62, Miami 56: Penn State railied from a 20utes left and the Hurricanes

ahead, 51-46. John Amaechi had "In my nine years, I've never 21 points for the Nittany Lions. Canisius 83, Seton Hall 71: Host Canisius ended a 14-game losing streak against teams

> Washington State 94, Texas Tech 82: Isaac Fontaine scored 32 points for the host Cougars while Lance Hughes got 23 for

There's Reason For Long Odds

HALLANDALE, Florida — Bettors at Gulfstream Park who moved Tessan-court from a 12-1 longshot to a 3-2 choice didn't get a run for their money. Not even a little one.

When the gates opened, Tessancourt, with jockey Jean-Luc Samyn in saddle, walked out, took two steps, turned left and simply chose not to run.

There were no refunds because Tessancourt was in the gate properly and came out when the bell rang.

NFL Owners Vote Down Rams' Move to St. Louis

By Leonard Shapiro Washington Post Service

PHOENIX, Arizona — The other owners of the National Football League's teams have trying to be sensible and fair. overwhelmingly rejected mov-ing the Los Angeles Rams to St. Louis, Missouri. The Rams' owner, Georgia Frontiere, called the vote "arbitrary and capricious and not based on precedent" and then said that "the last chapter has yet to be

With 21 owners voting against, 3 in favor and 6 abstentions, the league essentially told the Rams they would have to play next season in Anaheim, California, the city they spurned in favor of a new, \$260 million domed stadium in St. ball Conference games through Louis, a city that was poised to the 1997 season. arms and wallets.

Though Frontiere declined to say what her next step would be, Missouri's attorney general, Jay Nixon, had said earlier that he would file an antitrust suit against the league if the move

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the league still hoped to avoid litigation. "We're not trying to be con-frontational," he said. "We're

"It's a question of balancing

Tagliabue said owners were opposed to the move based on three main issues. The first involved the sharing of \$70 million in personal seat licenses raised by St. Louis for fans to guarantee a season ticket. The second was the objection of the Fox television network, which had paid \$1.58 billion for the right to televise National Foot-

the interests of two groups of fans we value very much," he added. "We're still going to ad-

dress those concerns.

The third involved the Rams' apparent unwillingness to contribute to a not-for-profit trust fund that the league wanted them to establish to assure a major renovation of an existing stadium or the construction of a new one in Southern California after the Rams left.

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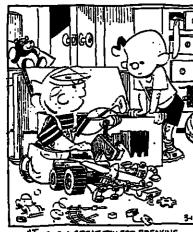
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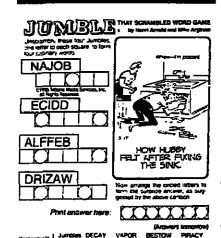
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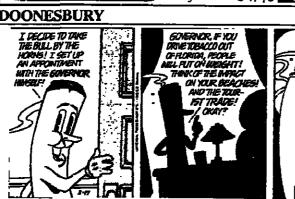
















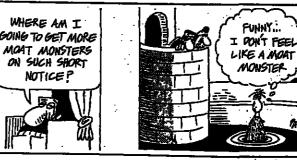






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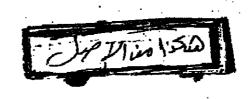




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also much faster than it looked."

Swiss veteran Vreni Schneider, who had entered Thursday's race with a 19-point

lead over Seizinger, skied off the course and did not finish.

Schneider, the defending

World Cup champion, also fell 81 points behind Sezzinger in

the overall standings, but has

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straight and couldn't make it,"

Schneider said. "If it had gone

well, good, but it didn't."

"I went all out, but I went too

● Larissa Lazhutina collect-

ed an unprecedented fourth

gold medal Thursday at the Nordic world championships in

Thunder Bay, Ontario, as Rus-

sia won the women's 4x5-kilo-

Lazhutina has won all three

women's individual races so far,

the 15-kilometer classical, the 5-

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1995

Seizinger Wins Race Street Falls Hard, And Super-G Crown But Only Bruised

BORMIO, Italy - Katja Scizinger of Germany won her third straight World Cop super-giant slalom title and moved atop the overall standings Thorsday by winning the last super-G race of the season.

Scizinger, 22, the Olympic downhill champion and a speedrace specialist, was timed in 1 minute, 20.93 seconds down the 2,030-meter Stelvio course. Renate Götschl of Austria

Renate Götschl of Austria
was 0.20 seconds slower, with
Florence Masnada of France
third 0.22 second in the suthird, 0.33 seconds back. "I'm happy I won a little cap. It was my goal for today," said Seizinger, who in 1992, '93 and

'94 won three straight downhill title. "The course was really difficult. It was one of the most difficult this season. You can see it from the number of people who fell or went out. It's

Runggaldier Wins a Title, Kröll a Race

BORMIO, Italy — Peter Runggaldier of Italy clinched the men's super giant slalom title Thursday by placing second to Richard Kröll of Austria the women's events. (Reuters) in the last such race this season. Kröll, the last of 24 skiers down the 2,358-meter long Stelvio course, was clocked 1 minute, 37.37 seconds as Italians were

already celebrating victory. His third World Cup victory came a day after his 27th birthday and five years after his previons giant slalom victories in Alta Badia and Veysonnaz. Runggaldier, who had the No. 6 bib, was 0.42 seconds.

slower than Kröll. Another Italian, Werner Per-athoner, edged Kyle Rasmussen of the United States for third

place. Perathoner was timed in 1:38.22, Rasmussen in 1:38.23. Guuther Mader of Austria, in and Perathoner for the super-G title finished seventh in the race and second in the special-

ity standings.
"I'm a bit upset for the missed victory in the race, but I'm overjoyed for the title," Runggaldier said. "I'm a downhiller and I did not expect I could win in this discipline." He finished with 332 points,

82 ahead of Mader. His title was the third won by the Italian men's team in the 1994-95 World Cap, following Alberto Tomba's overall and

slalom crowns. Tomba is also shooting for the giant slalom title at the fin-

A.J. Kitt, the American who was second in Wednesday's downhill, missed a gate and did

U.S. team officials said Olympic downhill champion Tommy Moe had undergone surgery to rebuild his anterior cruciate ligament and repair damaged cartilage in his right knee, injured in a fall last week in Kvithell, Norway. The sur-geon said that Moe could be skiing again by September. (AP, Reuters)

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BORMIO, Italy — Picabo Street, the World Cup downhill champion, survived a spectacular spill Thursday with only a

It was Scizinger's second su-per-G victory this season. She also finished second twice in the badly bruised right shoulder.

The 23-year-old U.S. skier was flown by helicopter to a hospital in Sondalo but returned to the team's hotel two hours later. The U.S. team's doctor, Lincoln Avery, said X-rays and CT scans had de-

"She's okay physically. Mentally, she's tired," Avery said, adding that "it would appear she may have rolled over something hen she fell, causing the bruising."

Street lost control off a bump as she neared the end of the super giant slalom race. She landed on her shoulder, lost one ski and crashed through a gate before coming to a stop on the fresh snow. Race officials immobilized her neck before taking her by sled to the finish line.
"She was conscious all the time, she

her favorite disciplines - giant stayed very calm and made a course report to Hilary Lindh by radio as she was being attended to," said Tom Kelly, the U.S. team's director of communications.

"The problem is that when you have a lot of confidence, one takes risks you should not take," said the U.S. alpine director, Paul Major.

Shannon Nobis of the United States injured her left knee when she fell near the bottom of the twisty course. Initial reports indicated she might have torn ligaments. On Wednesday, Street won her fifth consecutive downhill and sixth of the sea-

son, to wrap up a sensational World Cup campaign and become the first American woman to win the downhill title. She and her teammates, plus the World Cup overall champion, Alberto Tomba, had celebrated their triumphs in a local the women's events. (Reuters) disco Wednesday night.



Picabo Street lost her balance coming off a bump in the super giant slalom.

Arsenal Advances, With Zaragoza, to Winners' Semis

The Associated Press

Defending champion Arse-nal advanced to the semifinals of the UEFA Cup Winners' gnel Pardeza and Santiago Ara-Cup tournament Thursday gon scored in the second half to night a 1-0 victory in Auxerre put the home team into the that was provided by Ian Wright's 16th minute goal.

The teams played to a I-I draw two weeks ago in England and Arsenal advanced on a 2-1 aggregate. It was Arsenal's 24th consecutive unbeaten match in European competition, and was paced by two returnees to the starting lineup.

Wright scored the only goal when he rifled a shot from outside the penalty area to the corner of the net. He had been against Blackburn last week for the first time in his three-and-ahalf year career with Arsenal.

The English striker took advantage of a Auxerre mistake as two French defenders let the ball get past them. Wright pounced on it and punched home a left-footed shot.

Although Auxerre was on the attack most of the time, it could not get by Arsenal goalie David Seaman. He missed Arsenal's last two games after cracking a rib for the third time in 10

Auxerre's best chance came in the 10th minute, when Alge- gate score 1-1.

rian midfielder Moussa Saib hit the crossbar.

Zaragoza 2. Fevenoord 9: Miguel Pardeza and Santiago Aratournament's semifinals on a 2-

1 aggregate score. Pardeza scored from 13 meters in the 59th minute, with a quick shot his left foot - not his usual shooting foot — that beat the Dutch team's goalie, Ed de Goey, low and to his left. Aragon scored the goal that advanced the Spanish team in the 71st minute, striking a lob-bing pass waist-high from 18

meters. The shot surprised de Goey, beating him to his right. The Spaniards, needing to dropped from the lineup score, carried the play in the first half against a physically strong Dutch side content to play rugged defense after win-

ning the first-leg match in Rotterdam, 1-0. Zaragoza had two clear scoring chances in the first half. In the 30th minute, Juan Eduardo Esnaider shot wide from 18 meters after pulling de Goey out of

position. In first-half injury time, Aragon rifled a free kick from 25 meters that de Goey managed

to stop with a lunging save.
Porto 0, Sampdoria 1: The
quarterfinal in Portugal went into extra time with the aggre-

SIDELINES

Tapie Accuses Primorac of Lying

VALENCIENNES, France (AFP) — Bernard Tapie, the former president of Olympic Marseille, accused the former coach of the Valenciennes soccer team of lying about a meeting in his office as the bribery trial completed its fourth day. Primorac has claimed that he had a meeting in Tapie's office in

Paris on June 17, 1993, and was offered money and a coaching job to say that he was behind the match-fixing scheme. "He never noted the golden football boot on my desk," Tapie

told the court. "He never noticed my model boat which is two meters long. He said he saw a fat secretary. The heaviest secretary I have weighs 61 kilos (134 pounds). I have photos. You will see she is not fat."

 In England, soccer players Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers were back at practice Thursday after their release on bail. Police, who are investigating bribery and game-rigging allegations, said the five persons who have been interrogated are to return for more questioning on July 4.

Mansell Could Miss Opening 2 Prix

LONDON (AP) — Former world champion driver Nigel Man-sell could miss the first two races of the Formula One season because the cockpit of his new McLaren car is too small. McLaren said Thursday it hoped to modify the Mercedes-

powered MP4/10 car in time for the opening Grand Prix in Brazil on March 26. But a spokesman acknowledged it might be necessary to build a new chassis, which could take six weeks. • The Pacific Grand Prix, the 14th of the season's 16 races, will

be held Oct. 22 at Aida, western Japan, organizers said Thursday.

The race was originally set for April 16, but was put off because of the Jan. 17 earthquake in nearby Kobe.

For the Record

Master Oats, riden by Norman Williamson, romped to a 20-length victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, making Williamson and Kim Bailey the first trainer and jockey in 45 years to win both the Gold Cup and the Champion Hurdle. Alderbrook won the

were disqualified at the Portuguese Open. Torrance for signing an incorrect score card, Richardson for missing his tee time after play was resumed. High winds kept the first round from being complet-

Boris Becker and Michael Stich were named by the German

Cheltenham Festival's other prestige race on Tuesday. (AP)
Sam Torrance and Steve Richardson, both Ryder Cup players,

Davis Cup team's coach, Niki Pilic, to play against the Nethernands later this month.

(AP)

Paul Kinkoech, the former 10,000-meter world champion, died of cerebral malaria and tuberculosis, Kenyan officials said. (Reuters)



As one official attended to Street on the Stelvio course, another called for a stretcher.

FIFA: Definite 'No' to Nigeria

geria, FIFA said Thursday, cit- reason to cancel the event. ing security reasons.

FIFA said said the champias possible," with an alternative to be decided on later.

sons after reports of cholera and meningitis, FIFA's emerin Nigeria.

But after strong protests from Nigerian officials, FIFA said it would reconsider and possibly hold the event in that country later this year.

Thursday's final cancellation erage for the event.

in Nigeria last week. Over the matters including security.

weekend, the military govern-ZURICH — The 1995 World ment declared the country safe Youth Championships cer will and stable and called on FIFA definitely not be played in Ni- not to use the coup attempt as a Sebastine Williams, chair-

man of the local organizing onships would be held "as soon committee for the championship, said in a statement from Lagos: "I was shocked. Rudely Last month, citing health rea- shocked. I never expected it."

Babasola Rhodes, chairman gency committee decided to cancel the under-20 event that was scheduled for March 11-26 body, said: "I cannot find enough words to describe the rage within me. FIFA acted un-fairly."

FIFA said it still intended to ensure the 1995 championship took place as soon as possible. Its statement confirming the

came after an inspection group earlier decision said: "While the expressed concerns over securi- medical conditions in Nigeria ty and the reluctance of insur- were found to be generally satance companies to provide cov- isfactory, with no exceptional circumstances or evidence of The championships were epidemics in the venue areas, thrown into further doubt after the inspection group expressed reports of a foiled coup attempt concern on certain other related

In Champions Cup, Newcomer PSG Is the People's Choice

By Ian Thomsen ional Herald Tribune

PARIS - It is no coincidence that the most exciting of the European Cup semifinalists happens to be the one with no experience of winning it. While fellow contenders AC Milan and Bayern Munich have struggled to uphold their reputations, Paris St. Germain, the

Its 2-1 comeback victory over Barcelona in the return quarterfinal leg Wednesday night was an advancement of several dimensions - sweeping PSG past the defending finalist by a 3-2 aggregate with a semifinal next month against defending cham-pion AC Milan; emotionally, it was a victory for French confidence, and affirmation of posi-

tive, attacking soccer.

Seven minutes from the end, Barcelona's fatigue resulted in a free kick by Vincent Guerin snaking 20 yards to just inside the left post. The people had anticipated just that, but they couldn't believe it; then they could be heard believing it. "It's the greatest moment in

my life as a footballer." Guerin said, "It was a fantastic match, and we are really going to savor

PSG has now worked its way

new people's choice, is simply up to a third consecutive Euro- na's. Milan absorbed constant pean semifinal, from the UEFA
Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup
of the last two years. No opponent can match its European

na s. Minan absorbed constant
pressure from Benfica, which
admittedly gave in when substitute Isaias Soares struck both
posts in the 76th minute. record this season, the only non-victory its 1-1 draw in Barcelona in the first leg. Yet fused to lose touch with Europe PSG's tradition is no match for the other semifinalists', who have shared the Cup 12 times.

We've got AC Milan in the semifinals, another great club like Barca," said PSG's coach, Luis Fernandez. "But on top of that, Milan are the holders. It's something to have got to this stage of the competition." Champion of Europe twice in

the 1960s and four times in the last six seasons, Milan advanced on a 2-0 aggregate after holding Benfica to a scoreless draw in Lisbon. In the semifinal legs of April 5 and 19 - the sterdam against Hajduk Split, home teams will be drawn Friday -- PSG is unlikely to meet a defense as friendly as Barcelo- fender Frank de Boer.

While suffering in the Italian

championship, Milan has re- though docked two points and made to play two Champi-ons League matches away from home for a bottle thrown at players in danger of suspension avoided the yellow card on Wednesday. But PSG's captain, suspended from the first semifinal leg, adding to the French team's defensive troubles.

Ajax, the European champi-ons of the 1971-73 Johan Cruyff era, had little trouble in Ambeating the Croatian champion. 3-0, on a pair of goals by de-

Ajax will now brace for its semifinal with unpredictable Bayern Munich: sixth place in the Bundesliga, worthy of only a draw with German weakling Duisberg last weekend, and castigated by the club's president, Franz Beckenbauer, as "the

worst Bayern team of all time." After a scoreless draw in the opening leg at Munich, his club visited IFK Gothenburg with-Salzburg goalkeeper Otto Kon-rad in Milan. The seven Milan pin, Lothar Matthaus and Alain pin, Lothar Matthaus and Alain Sutter. Twenty minutes in, the Bayern goalkeeper Sven Scheuer was sent off for bringing down Antoine Kombouare, will be Mikael Martinsson outside the penalty area, leaving Bayern with 10 men — who then assembled a 2-0 lead within eight minutes of the second half.

Gothenburg had beaten Bar-celona and Manchester United in Ullevi stadium, but the best it could do was a 2-2 draw in the final minutes, allowing Bayern to advance on away-goals.

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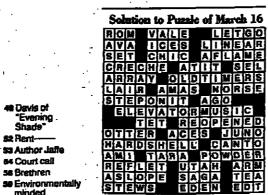
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The End of Brevity

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Here's a new biography of Tom Paine. It is 644 pages long. Just thinking of those 644 pages makes you want to kick the nearest computer. And of course you can't. Kick computers I mean. Unlike typewriters, they're too expensive.

A typewriter once put me in such evil temper that I threw it out a second-floor window. For a week or more it had insolently refused to have anything halfway literate written on it. Replacing it cost \$100 or so - a small price to pay for the pleasure of showing a machine

When used as writing ma-chines, computers are temperamental opposites of typewriters. They make writing so easy, so painless, that the writer cannot bear to stop. On and on he goes, writing and writing, all judgment numbed by the joy of watching his words speed hard labor in the ages of the across the screen. Before you know it you've written a 644 prospect of hard labor concen-

For Tom Paine a 644-pager is too much. I don't mean to denigrate Paine, but wouldn't 275 pages do him up just fine? If Paine is a 644-page man, George Washington would need a 12-volume set.

Not long ago I struggled through 630 pages on Jean Genet, a French writer of consider-able talent whose life was largely devoted to petty crime and being lionized by French intellectuals. Buried within it was a fascinating small biography of the sort Lytton Strachey used to do so beautifully.

The Genet tonnage was a day at the beach compared with an 18-pounder on the career of George Santayana that not long ago left me wandering dazed and gibbering through the streets.

Europe

Santayana was a scholar and philosopher whose life was marked at every stage by utter inactivity which his biographer exhaustively annotated.

These vast and tedious emissions reflect our age's misguided reverence for thoroughness. (An affliction incidentally which also accounts for the refusal of both President Clinton and Speaker Newt Gingrich to leave any word unspoken so long as one last soul in the audience remains

With the computer, historians and biographers are freed of the old mechanical inhibitions against showing off. Now it is irresistibly easy to flaunt their erudition and research. The ease of computer writing practically demands they throw absolutely everything into the mixture.

Every last piece of lint sucked up by vacuum-cleaner research can be inserted by pressing a key or two. Putting in fluff was trated the writer's mind. Was this material really necessary?

Before computer writing, the author who was determined to awe humanity with his scholarly devotion had to labor like a coal miner. Snipping, pasting, typing, retyping — it was prodi-gious toil. You may think Dumas Malone's stupendous six-volume biography of Jefferson a stupefyingly dull portrait of a fascinating man, but you cannot but be awed at the thought of the labor it took Malone to create this monument before the computer came of age.

The computer, enabling a writer effortlessly to include absolutely everything, is a priceless tool for writers who pride themselves on showing the reader no mercy.

I never use anything else. New York Times Service

The Berlin Wall Movie - Still a Divider

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

B ERLIN — More than five years after the Berlin Wall was breached by ecstatic East Germans. the first major feature film about the Wall is helping

Berliners confront its emotional legacy.
The film, called "Das Versprechen" ("The Promise"), is a love story about a young couple caught in East Berlin when the Wall is put up in 1961. They plan an escape through sewer tunnels, but

an army truck rolls by as they are descending and the man's nerves fail him, so he is left behind. The lovers see each other just four times in the next 28 years, and they are finally reunited on the

night the Wall collapses.
While some German film critics have dismissed "The Promise" as a conventional boy-meets-girl story, its setting against the background of the hated Wall gives it a special resonance here. Although Berliners live every day with the economic and political results of their city's long division, they rarely pause to consider its effect on family lives or personal feelings.

This film invites them to do so. After "The Promise" was unveiled at the Berlin film festival in February, it won an unusual endorsement from President Roman Herzog. "I recommend that everyone go to see the film." Herzog said. "It shows very clearly what life was like here until Nov. 9, 1989."

Characters in the film represent many of the forces that were at work in a German society parted by the Wall. There are loyal Communists and courageous dissidents, loved ones separated by the Wall and money-hungry westerners who make a living arrang-

ing their escapes. The coldness of the border crossing at the Friedrichstrasse subway station, through which westerners could enter the east on one-day visas, is starkly

One of the most recognizable characters, at least for easterners, is a heartless secret police agent who serves the Communists, but who quickly changes sides when the political tide turns. On the night the Wall collapses, he turns up at a celebration and jubilantly tells a western reporter, "We have been working for this for 40 years."

The film opens with documentary footage of the

building of the Wall and sobbing Berliners waving to friends and relatives from whom they have been suddenly separated. A narrator describes the Wall as "one of history's most remarkable experiments." The film is now playing across Germany, and is

attracting especially large audiences in eastern cities, where people are evidently anxious to see how the society in which they lived until 1989 is portrayed on

But talking to the viewers suggests that they are

Filmmaker von Trotta (second from left) with cast members at the Berlin film festival.

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from West Berlin by the Wall, a 23-year-old student who would only give her first name, Susanne, said she found the film "banal and one-sided."

"Everything is portrayed as so dark and serious," she said. "You get the feeling that everything was evil in East Germany, that life was lived in black and white while everything in the west was colorful. It doesn't represent the picture of East Germany that I

But Stefan Naumann, 59, a pensioner, was moved to reconsider long-held political beliefs after seeing

"Reality can be very depressing when you see it with perspective," Naumann said. "In the old days, I didn't see things the way they are portrayed in this film. For a long time I believed that the system was good. Now a lot of it horrifies me."

The director, Margarethe von Trotta, wrote the screenplay with Peter Schneider, a novelist who has dealt with the Wall in several of his works.

Von Trotta and Schneider are both westerners, but the cast and crew members came from both eastern and western Germany, a combination that is still unusual in the film world here. Von Trotta, who moved from West Berlin to Rome

and Paris in recent years, said she was amazed that it took five years for a story about the Wall to reach the

'Hollywood would already have made 20 films divided about what it portrays.

about it," she said in an interview. "Maybe it takes
Outside a cinema in Potsdam, which was separated time to get over the shock and work it through. about it," she said in an interview. "Maybe it takes

"I was unsure about making 'The Promise' because I kept wondering if I was capable of doing justice to the subject. It's not just a little love story, it's about German history.

German reviews have been as mixed as the audi-

ence reaction. Many critics praised Von Trotta for making the effort to film such a story, but they suggested that some of the characters and situations were less than convincing.

"You can forgive some cliches," one wrote. "But when they fill one key scene after another, you become irritated."

Another critic countered: "You'll be hearing the word 'cliche' in connection with 'The Promise.' Forget it! See the film, and remember that the beloved cowboy who rides off into the sunset is also a cliché."

Herzog's endorsement of the film was a welcome surprise for the filmmakers, but it was offset by an unusual criticism voiced by one of the film's stars, Corinna Harfouch.

"The view of East Germany that comes through in the film is absolutely negative," complained Harfouch, who is an easterner.

"The hard tone of conversations, the frightening pictures - it's accurate, but only partly accurate "It wasn't always autumn and winter there. We also had spring and summer. There were days when the secret police didn't come around. The film makes it seem that we were persecuted every minute of our

PEOPLE

Pinter Receives Award For Life Achievement

Harold Pinter has won Britain's biggest literary prize, for a lifetime's achievement as playwright and screenwriter. Pinter received the £30,000 (\$48,000) David Cohen British Literature Prize, for work ranging from his accisimed plays "The Birthday Party" and "The Caretaker" to screenplays for such films as The French Lieutenant's Woman" and "The Remains of the Day." Pinter also received £10,000 from the Arts Council to commission new work to encourage young writers and readers and said he would give it to the Citizens' Theatre in Glasgow. The Cohen prize is awarded every two years to a living British writer in recognition of an entire body of work. The first, in 1993, went to V. S. Naipaul.

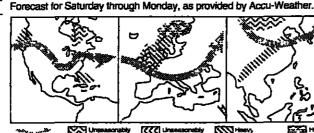
Victoria Sellers, the daughter of the late actor Peter Se has begun serving a 120-day prison sentence in Los Angeles for drug possession. Sellers, 30, did not contest the charge. She was also placed on three years' probation In January, Sellers pleaded guilty to receiving stoien property and was sen-tenced to 13 days in jail; she was fined in 1993 after pleading no contest to marijuana possession charges.

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Mick Jagger and Steve Tisch, co-producer of "Forrest Gump," are forming a new film production company: Lip Service. The projects with Steve are going to be mainstream but eccentue," Jagger said. "They're not going to be art films."

Queen Elizabeth is expected to bestow the Order of Merit on President Nelson Mandela curing her visit to South Africa, which begins Sunday. The Or-der of Merit ranks above the various knighthoods but does not bear a title.

WEATHER



North America

Middle East

Europe Hain will move away from the U.K. but chilly northwest winds will blow over the weekend. Cool air will also overapread much of the continent while some showers and flunderstorms develop near the Mediterranean. Snow will blanket northern sections of Norway, Sweden and Finland.

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